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Snowboarding Victory!!



The Hal High Red Hawks shredded like Jedi's at the OFSAA Ontario Snowboard Championships held at Georgian Peaks last Wednesday. Pictured above are the members of the boys and girls snowboard racing teams. Red Hawk Girls won the Bronze Medal in the team event. Hal High's Maddie Rallis captured Bronze in the Boys Individual Event.

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County and Municipalities Consider Waste Disintegration

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

"You
should
never have
to look for
another
landfill site
again."
(John
Kearns)

Municipalities across the country are struggling with the rising costs of waste management and with the ever increasing legislative requirements that accompany associated environmental impacts. This week County and municipal representatives considered an alternative.

The Dysart et al Council Chambers was full to the brim with Councillors and staff from the County and all four municipalities to hear a presentation about a ground breaking system.

Kearns Disintegration Systems Canada Ltd. (KDS) out of Nova Scotia has what appears to be an innovative, safe and cost effective waste disposal system that can reduce landfill requirements as much as 83%. Their technology includes a high temperature autothermic system that will accept virtually any type of waste, with the exception of radioactive material.

John Kearns, representing the Kearns Waste Sciences Group was introduced to the Council by Bill Denby (Freedom Party candidate during the recent by-election.)

Kearns established the disintegration technology in 1983 in response to inadequacies in existing incineration technology. According to information on his website, Kearns believed that incineration was the most logical means of waste disposal. He recognized that to be truly effective, a system would need to generate temperatures far in excess of current incinerator technology but would remain environmentally friendly.

KDS is a privately held waste management corporation that designs and builds the Kearns Disintegration Units to disintegrate municipal solid waste. According to Kearns his system costs approximately one third that of conventional incinerators. Waste acceptable to the system includes pretty much everything imaginable, and that means not only items like tires, but septage as well, resolving an entirely different waste management problem facing our municipalities.

Kearns displayed a waste sample that had gone through his system. The sample was slightly larger than a grapefruit and was the result of 54 large bags of garbage. According to Kearns, the sample was perfectly safe to touch. But he then said, "I don't want to touch it; I've already licked it," demonstrating how safe and clean the sample was.

He told the audience that his system had been designed

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Watercolours: And Now We Wait

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

"There is a need and support for this project and the proposed by-law sets out the appropriate framework to ensure that any outstanding issues are addressed." (Pat Martin, Dysart et al Planner)

The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing held last week was an exhaustive process for all involved, and the most frustrating part may be that, after a considerable day for the hearing to reconvene, the suspense continues as the parties involved wait for a decision.

The Municipality of Dysart waits to hear whether their planning decision to allow the condominium development was sound: Watercolours of Haliburton waits to hear whether the economics of scale for the project must change; and the appellant Alison Mack must wait to learn whether the OMB considers that her appeal held merit.

At issue is Dysart's zoning by-law which allows the 150 unit condominium project, planned to overlook Head Lake, to proceed. The OMB adjudicators listened to testimony to determine whether terms of the zoning by-law took the Planning Act, the Municipality's and the County's official plans sufficiently into consideration. Matters of height, density, impact on water, in-

creased traffic, buffering, setbacks, and environmental impacts to adjacent shore lands and impact to the overall character of the Village were considered.

The matter of affordability (even though affordability had not officially been accepted by all participating parties as an issue to be considered) was discussed at some length as it related to the municipality's planning for an appropriate mix of housing types. This issue was one introduced and stressed to the greatest extent by Eric Gillespie (counsel for Mack).

During the first day of the hearing evidence was heard from Joan Barnes, who lives immediately adjacent to the proposed development site on Sunnyside Street. Barnes was concerned that the property where she and her husband presently enjoy their retirement will be overshadowed by Watercolours, their view obscured and their source of water put at risk by communal wells needed for the development.

Rick Hunter of Planscape (retained by Mack) voiced concerns about the height of the building being 22.3 metres, which far exceeds any existing structures in the community. He recommended reducing the height to three stories and the number of units

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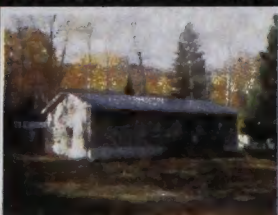
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Debbie Cumber* 457-2414 ext 24

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David Lee * 286-1234
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Three Little Things Add Up to Big Defeat

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

John Tory concedes defeat

I have learned as I approach my declining years to live by an abiding principle. In sports and in politics: never take anything for granted. And more important: there is no such thing as 'the sure thing.'

The provincial by-election in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock was never intended to go to the wire, but it was expected to simmer to a battle between the Progressive Conservative leader John Tory and the Liberal candidate and Pontypool populist Rick

Johnson.

I tuned my cell phone's browser to the results page on the Elections Ontario website at 9 pm and about 9:30 midst the cacophonous presence in Mr. Tory's Lindsay election night headquarters upstairs at the Olympia Restaurant, I was immediately alerted to three quickly developing trends.

Developments that made this monumental upset by Liberal Rick Johnson a dead certainty.

Low voter turnout, zealous overconfidence, and the lack of a viable third party presence commingled to foil the coronation of Mr. Tory last Thursday night.

It became evident even at the start of the night that Mr. Tory was in for a fight.

Indeed, the cracks in the floorboards emerged quite early and allowed anyone with a mind that was trendily inclined to make the definitive call very early, even from a precarious catbird seat at Tory headquarters. I called this one at 9:47, about an hour before Mr. Tory capitulated at the Olympia before a huge phalanx of gathered press.

When Voice editor Stephen Patrick and I arrived at Tory HQ last Thursday evening, we were met by a self-assured and confident campaign organizer who told us that it would probably be a short night and that Mr. Tory would be available for the de rigueur scrum shortly after the results confirmed that he had won the riding and finally regained a seat in the provincial legislature.

This was, after all, the plan all along. It's why former Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott had resigned her seat in the first place. To give Mr. Tory a soft landing and a pliable perch in the Ontario legislature.

The devoted worker who met us at the door added that Mr. Tory would be taking his seat in the Legislature at some point "next week."

The first alarm bells went off.

Overconfidence is almost always hardwired to complacency in an election campaign. It was signal number one. The overconfidence was compounded by the lurking presence of the press. Several polls had surfaced, and they showed that Mr. Tory was safe. (It was Prime Minister John Diefenbaker who once said at a railroad stop in Bumpkiss, Saskatchewan that "dogs knew best what polls were good for.")

A juggernaut of nine network cameras, a convoy of sound trucks and the assorted hit list of heavy hitters from all of the big national news organizations were huddled around laptops in the upper room at the Olympia.

Meanwhile, back at Rick Johnson's headquarters just around the corner, at The Cat and Fiddle only two network cameras and a small band of red-bedecked Liberal faithful were there watching early results slide onto television screens set up in the bar area.

The crowd, in contrast to the upper echelon set of Tory faithful in suits at Mr. Tory's digs, was decidedly small town, local and highly revved. The mood was hopeful and defiant. The talk centered around optimistic early results that showed that Mr. Johnson was behind, but certainly not as deficit ridden as he was against Laurie Scott in the 2007 election where he lost by nearly 10,000 votes and 10 points.

It was a room filled with people who had worked very hard to get their vote out. "We're pretty confident right now that we did our best to get everyone out," said a bystander and party worker sipping Stella at the bar. "It's close, and if it's close ... it's advantage Johnson," said another worker, who had obviously done her homework.

In by-elections, where voter turnout is statistically and almost always abysmal, working to get the existing base to the polls is crucial.

When you're relying on a voter turnout numbering less than 40 percent of the electorate - the turnout was 39 percent last Thursday - you better ensure that your base gets out. It can mean the difference between a sashay to the legislature and a slide from party leadership.

Complacency was non-extant at Liberal headquarters. They had come for a fight and they were ready. That feisty attitude, as it turns out, formed a very crucial ingredient in this simmering stew.

Results showed that the Liberals cashed in on their small town roots and urged everyone to get out and vote. Mr. Tory, alas, could not even cast a vote in his parachute riding, not being a resident of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Only 39 percent of the 89,160 eligible voters showed up to vote last Thursday, in stark contrast to the 60 percent that showed up in 2007 for the provincial elections. Laurie Scott, the recently resigned sitting MPP, got her base out in droves in the last provincial election.

Scott hammered Johnson by close to 10,000 votes - 24,000 to 14,000 - in 2007, and the NDP and the Greens shared about 9,000 votes.

Consider this: Mr. Johnson took home 15,482 votes last Thursday. He polled 14,327 votes in the last election with a 60 percent turnout, and lost by over 9,000 votes. The Liberals out-punched their old numbers by over 1000 votes, despite a 20 percent discrepancy in voter turnout.

On the other side, Mr. Tory managed only 14,576 votes this time round, compared with the 24,273 polled by Ms Scott in 2007. Bottom line? The Liberals delivered their base. The Conservatives delivered about 56 percent of their previous voter base. A significant and telling statistic. Low voter turnout coupled with buoyant overconfidence is a dangerous combination.

Third factor and perhaps the most important aspect in Mr. Tory's demise was the apparent lack of a viable third party presence.

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Rick Johnson Celebrates Victory

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A remarkable downward swing in that third party demographic showed up quite early last Thursday. All told, NDP candidate Lyn Edwards and Green Party representative Mike Schreiner garnered less than 5,000 votes in the by-election.

Realizing that, and the fact that the Progressive Conservative brain trust had probably figured on a hefty split of votes between the Liberals, the NDP and Greens, it became evident quite early that low third party numbers would conspire to make Rick Johnson the story on Thursday night.

Consider the fact that Johnson won by only 906 votes and the low NDP and Green numbers this time round certainly played a huge role in the upset.

It was all summed up last Thursday when Rick Johnson and his family appeared at



their election night headquarters only well into the evening and only after they heard that Mr. Tory had conceded victory.

No complacency and a firm commitment to his followers that night that he would go forward with his promises to the electorate.

When the two combatants finally came together at the Cat and Fiddle last Thursday night, Mr. Johnson told Mr. Tory, "I'm overwhelmed ... this is beyond my expectations."

Mr. Tory urged him to go forward with his plans to remain an activist for the underdog, including area seniors and farmers.

Mr. Johnson thanked all of his supporters as he strode to the mike with his family Trish, Michael and wife Terri Crawford.

"I'm determined to give the riding the voice it needs at Queen's Park," said Mr. Johnson.

He'll be entering the legislature and provincial politics as Mr. Tory leaves the scene. Tory resigned as provincial Conservative leader last Friday. He will stay on until a successor is chosen. ■

THURSDAY

Sunny to partly cloudy and cold
▲ -10° ▼ -22°

FRIDAY

Partly sunny and still cold
▲ -6° ▼ -15°

SATURDAY

Partly cloudy and warmer
▲ 3° ▼ -7°

SUNDAY

Sun early, then showers late in the day
▲ 6° ▼ -3°

MONDAY

Windy and colder with snow
▲ -1° ▼ -10°

TUESDAY

Windy and cold with snow
▲ -4° ▼ -13°

WEDNESDAY

Windy and cold with snow
▲ -7° ▼ -15°

AROUND THE REGION: It will be quite cold on Thursday and Friday with a mix of sun and clouds each day. Highs will be 5 to 10 below zero. Warmer weather is on the way for the weekend with a chance of showers late on Sunday. Highs will be in the single digits above zero. That rain will change to snow on Sunday night and linger into Monday.

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TROPICAL CITIES											
City	Today	Friday	Saturday	City	Today	Friday	Saturday	City	Today	Friday	Saturday
Acapulco	31/23/pc	31/22/pc	31/21/su	Montego Bay	29/23/sh	28/23/pc	28/23/su	Nassau	27/21/su	26/20/su	26/22/su
Antigua	27/21/su	28/22/sh	27/22/su	Port au Prince	29/22/su	29/23/pc	29/23/cl	Port au Prince	29/22/su	29/23/pc	29/23/cl
Barbados	30/23/pc	29/23/su	28/25/pc	Puerto Vallarta	31/16/su	30/16/pc	28/14/su	San Jose, CR	28/19/pc	29/18/sh	28/17/su
Bermuda	19/14/pc	19/12/pc	24/17/pc	St. Maarten	27/21/su	27/21/sh	27/24/cl	San Juan	28/21/su	29/23/su	27/23/sh
Cancun	31/22/su	31/21/pc	28/22/su	San Jose, CR	28/19/pc	29/18/sh	28/17/su	San Salvador	31/21/pc	30/21/pc	30/21/cl
Curacao	28/22/pc	29/23/su	29/22/pc	Santo Domingo	28/22/pc	29/22/pc	29/22/dz	Trinidad	31/25/pc	31/26/pc	31/26/cl
Freeport	26/20/su	26/19/pc	27/22/su								
Georgetown	29/22/pc	30/23/pc	30/23/dz								
Havana	28/21/su	28/19/pc	29/21/su								
Key West	27/21/su	26/20/pc	27/21/pc								
Kingston	29/23/sh	29/23/pc	30/28/su								

REGIONAL CITIES											
City	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	City	Today	Friday	Saturday
Bancroft	-10/-22/pc	-6/-15/pc	3/-7/pc	5/-3/sh	-1/-9/sn	-4/-13/sn	-7/-15/sn	Barrie	-9/-21/pc	-5/-14/pc	4/-6/pc
Barrie	-9/-21/pc	-5/-14/pc	4/-6/pc	7/-2/sh	-1/-9/sn	-4/-12/sn	-6/-14/sn	Dorset	-10/-22/pc	-6/-15/pc	3/-7/pc
Dorset	-10/-22/pc	-6/-15/pc	3/-7/pc	5/-3/sh	-1/-10/sn	-4/-13/sn	-7/-16/sn	Haliburton	-10/-22/pc	-6/-15/pc	3/-7/pc
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NATIONAL CITIES											
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Calgary	4/-9/su	9/-4/pc	5/-4/cl	1/-6/sn	4/-4/mx	9/0/cl	7/1/sh	Edmonton	-4/-12/cl	2/-7/mx	-1/-6/sn
Edmonton	-4/-12/cl	2/-7/mx	-1/-6/sn	-5/-9/sf	1/-7/sf	-1/-7/cl	0/-9/sn	Fredericton	-8/-18/cl	-9/-18/pc	2/-1/sf
Fredericton	-8/-18/cl	-9/-18/pc	2/-1/sf	1/-12/pc	1/-9/pc	-3/-12/cl	-4/-13/sn	Halifax	-3/-15/su	-7/-14/pc	1/-6/sf
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Vancouver	8/0/pc	8/1/sh	7/2/mx	9/3/mx	11/4/sh	-15/-20/sf	-13/-20/sn	Whitehorse	-3/-10/sn	-7/-14/sf	-8/-19/cl
Whitehorse	-3/-10/sn	-7/-14/sf	-8/-19/cl	-11/-18/sf	-15/-20/sf	-12/-18/sn	-3/-15/sf	Winnipeg	-4/-21/cl	-2/-9/sf	1/-3/mx
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Last seven days	High	Low	Prec.
Monday 3/9	6°C	-5°C	0.5 mm
Sunday 3/8	6°C	0°C	0.3 mm
Saturday 3/7	5°C	0°C	1.5 mm
Friday 3/6	11°C	1°C	1.0 mm
Thursday 3/5	3°C	-17°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 3/4	-1°C	-20°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 3/3	-7°C	-24°C	0.0 mm

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SUN & MOON

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu.	7:32 a.m./7:16 p.m.	9:35 p.m./7:48 a.m.
Fri.	7:30 a.m./7:18 p.m.	10:47 p.m./8:11 a.m.
Sat.	7:28 a.m./7:19 p.m.	11:57 p.m./9:05 a.m.
Sun.	7:26 a.m./7:20 p.m.	none/9:05 a.m.
Mon.	7:24 a.m./7:22 p.m.	1:04 a.m./9:40 a.m.
Tues.	7:22 a.m./7:23 p.m.	2:07 a.m./10:23 a.m.
Wed.	7:21 a.m./7:24 p.m.	3:01 a.m./11:13 a.m.

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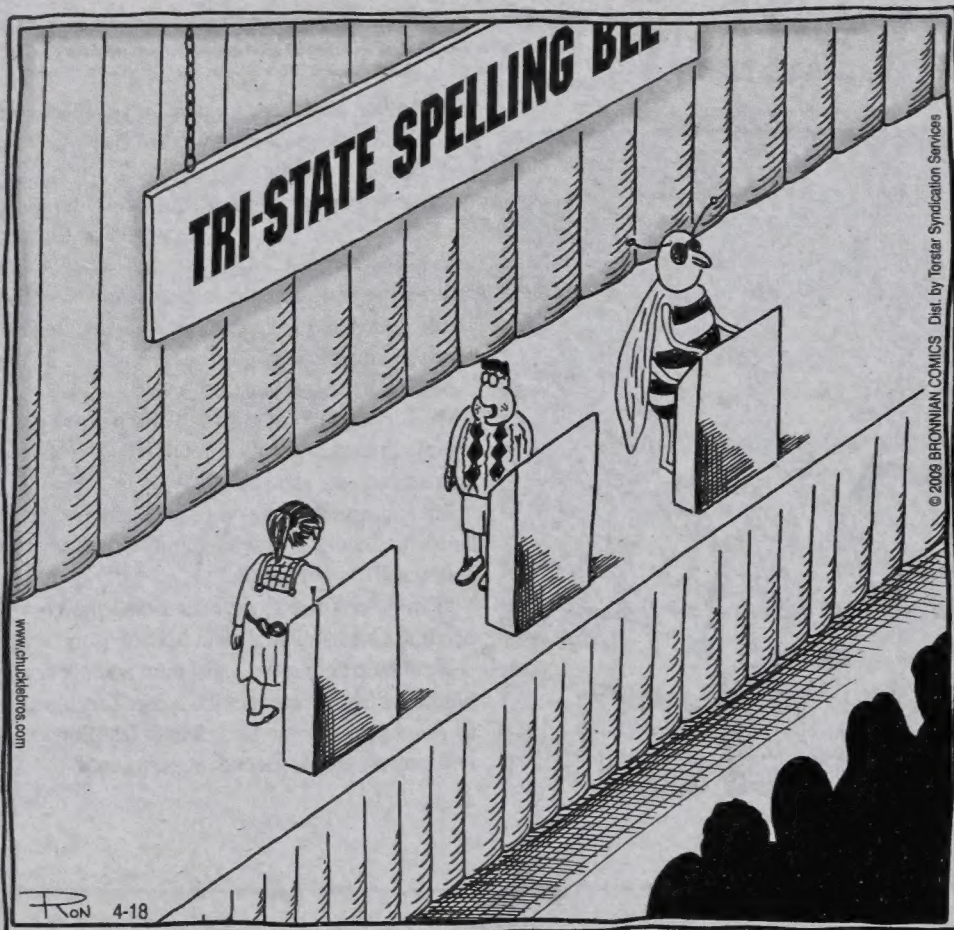
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"Why do I get the distinct feeling it's over before it even started?"

Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

"So the folly is still alive."

I am trying to understand why Reeve Harrison and CAO Mitchell are pushing so hard for the proposed new runway at Stanhope.

In a vote to apply for Build Canada funding, councilors voted two for and two against. Reeve Harrison cast the deciding vote so the motion would not be defeated.

The application, in my opinion, failed to satisfy a number of conditions demanded by Build Canada, and should not even have been considered.

In the economic panic, Build Canada waved aside all conditions and approved every project application everywhere.

So the folly is still alive.

With zero support from the other three municipalities in Haliburton County, and with the great opposition voiced by ratepayers and echoed in the local press, they continue to push.

I sit at council meetings and watch them push the project.

Now they want individual private property owners to give them signed permission to cut down trees on that private property.

They will push onto the tax payers of Algonquin Highlands (alone), the burden of paying back the Algonquin Highlands \$1.3 million - plus interest - share of construction costs (with no mention of the inevitable cost over runs) for the next 20 years and the burden of the annual operating deficits forever.

The intent of Building Canada funding is to provide for essential public services for the residents of the municipality versus private development.

With Build Canada money, Minden Hills will build a new water tower which will benefit all residents of that municipality. Dysart will repair the Pine Lake bridge and roads which will benefit all residents of that municipality.

With Build Canada money, Reeve Harrison and CAO Mitchell are pushing a new runway project which will certainly not benefit most of the residents of Algonquin Highlands, or the County of Haliburton.

If ratepayers will not use the proposed new runway and do not want to be pushed into paying for it, they should call the Reeve and the CAO and push back.

Tom Fitzsimmons
Barry Line Road ■

Editorial VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick



Old Values – New Faces

So, 10,000 old-fashioned Conservatives sat on their hands, and one traditional Red Tory, named of course, Tory, is looking for work. Haliburton –

Kawartha Lakes – Brock has an enthusiastic rookie backbencher MLA; Rick Johnson, who, it's safe to say, is not going to be in the cabinet any time soon. Not to denigrate Johnson's credentials – he was, after all, a School Board Chair – but the edgy political snake pit known as Queens Park demands a lot of dues, paid in full. The New Democrats were trashed, the Greens were flat-lined, and the usual nuisance candidates were, well, a nuisance.

And a much loved and respected local politician, Laurie Scott, who's understanding of this community is virtually transcendental, must spend the next couple of years working out of Toronto to get the Conservatives elected province-wide in 2011. At John Tory's campaign headquarters last week (see Terrance Gavan's report on Page 2 of this issue) there were two moments that seemed to illuminate the real agenda of this campaign: as soon as it appeared that Tory was trailing badly, the official Conservative "suits" imported into the riding to handle scrutineering and other tasks, were frantically working their blackberries contacting other party apparatchiks to announce that the race for the party leadership was a go. No time for second thoughts for these boys. Secondly, Tory's press assistant suddenly informed the media that there would be a short announcement only, with no questions permitted, thereby cutting off local reporters at the knees. The assistant went on to advise that Mr. Tory would address the media hounds the next day in Toronto.

So much for any local connection: so much for letting Tory spend a few moments deciding his future. So much for any illusion, despite Ms. Scott's honest best efforts, that this election had anything to do with Haliburton. ■

Old Character – New Development

There were also several curious and illuminating moments in the Ontario Municipal Board hearings last week into the Watercolours condominium project proposed for Haliburton Village. (See Liz Danielsen's report on our front page) One of the most interesting was the raising of the notion that the condominium project was essentially out of tune with the "character" of our community. This argument assumes many things, perhaps not all of them intended. But the essence of it seems to be that the scale of the proposed condo, its height, its commanding presence overlooking Head Lake, is simply too grand, too urban, too, dare we say it, Muskoka-like for us country folk. In other words, modest projects like Haliburton's Park Lane, or Echo Hills, which offer small, self-contained apartments for seniors, some of whom need public subsidy, are more attuned to our community's needs, or indeed, character. And that's a definition of modern Haliburton that's sure to raise its share of hackles, and not just in the business community.

There are a significant number of organizations, businesses and individuals across this county who are trying to create an exciting, challenging, and prosperous future that demands new ways of thinking about how we will live in a world with a different economy, and yes, a different climate. This almost certainly means that some of our communal character will change, and not necessarily for the worse. The strong community values of helping our neighbours and preserving the essential character of our past aren't going to evaporate overnight, no matter how architecturally aggressive one development may be. But the way in which those values will be applied will, as does almost everything in nature, change to accommodate the new. ■

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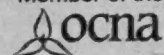
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Police Reports

Impaired Driver

(Haliburton, ON.) – Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a male with Impaired Driving after responding to a report of a motor vehicle collision on Friday March 6, 2009 shortly before 3:00PM. The collision occurred on County Rd # 3 just north of County Rd # 503 in the Township of Highlands East.

The investigation revealed that a pick up truck had been travelling northbound on County Rd # 3 when it left the roadway and struck a hydro pole.

Members of the Highlands East Fire Department and EMS also attended the scene. Two passengers in the truck were taken to the Haliburton Hospital by ambulance suffering from non-life threatening injuries.

The driver of the truck Alan Graham 28 years of Highlands East Township has been charged with Impaired Driving and Drive Over 80mgs. Mr. Graham will be appearing in Minden court on April 1, 2009 in relation to the charges.

Drug Charges Laid

(Haliburton, ON.) – Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged two people after stopping a vehicle on March 8th in relation to a driving complaint about a vehicle that was southbound on Highway #35.

Officers stopped the vehicle on Highway #35 near Newcastle Street in Minden shortly before 11:00am. An officer had conversation with the driver who later failed a roadside screening test and was arrested.

Charged with Driving with Over 80mgs and Possession for the Purpose Schedule 1 Drug is Harry Maslowski 39 years of Scarborough.

A passenger in the vehicle Michelle Louise Arnold 34 years of Orillia has also been charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession for the Purpose Schedule 1 Drug.

Both parties will be appearing in Minden court on May 6, 2009 in relation to the charges.

Male Charged With Break And Enter

(Haliburton, ON.) – Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a male after receiving a report of a break and enter last Tuesday March 3, 2009 during the early evening hours.

The investigation revealed that the victim, (a 63 year old female) and her elderly friend were at a residence on St. Germaine Street in the Village of Minden when they heard someone knock on the door. The victim told the person to come into the home thinking it was someone she knew. The person then entered the home at which point the victim realized she did not know the individual and told him to leave. The male refused to leave and a confrontation ensued between the male and the victim. During the confrontation the male received a cut to his hand and fled the scene.

The victim was not injured during the incident.

An O.P.P. Canine unit attended the scene along with members of the Central Region Emergency Response Team in an attempt to locate the suspect who was apprehended a short time later.

Charged with Break and Enter and Breach of Probation is Peter John Austin 45 years of Whitney. Mr Austin was held in custody for a bailing hearing in Lindsay.

OPP Update

Charges Withdrawn

Last week the OPP Drug Enforcement Section announced that it has withdrawn charges of Possession of Cannabis Marihuana for the Purposes of Trafficking against Richard Berry (48) and Allan White (45) of Minden Hills. Charges of Possession of Cannabis Marihuana against Berry and White remain.

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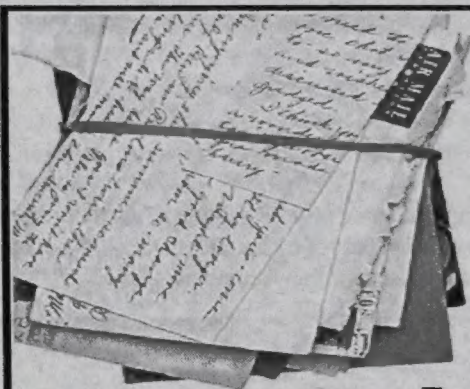
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Waiting for a Decision on Watercolours

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from 150 to 90, stating that this would be more in keeping with a medium density development and the character of the community.

Hunter questioned whether Dysart's official plan held sufficient detail to differentiate between medium and high density buildings. (At the present time the standard in Dysart for medium density is anything more than 3 units per acre.) Comparisons were made to Echo Hills and Park Lane apartment buildings as the standard that should not be exceeded and arguments made whether the height of the building should be controlled by the zoning by-law or through future site plan control.

During cross examination A. R. Patton, counsel for Watercolours, continued to question whether any of the characteristics being proposed in the development would have an unacceptable adverse impact to the any part of the community, but Hunter did not seem to have any solid evidence to suggest that it would.

Patton also suggested that Hunter's recommendation for 90 units was too arbitrary and a "cookie cutter approach to planning." To Hunter's suggestion that the building should have a low profile so it would not stand out, Patton responded, "My client wants the building to stand out and be distinctive."

Hunter's position was that hydro-geological studies should be conducted prior to the zoning by-law being passed rather than being a holding condition of the by-law. Patton and Edward Veldboom (lawyer for the Municipality of Dysart et al) both held the position that proceeding in that order could result in another appeal to a subsequent by-law should this one not be upheld. Veldboom also discussed the requirements of the Safe Water Act, suggesting that there are more than sufficient protection measures for quantity and quality of water in the area.

The question of whether or not Watercolours would, for better or worse, become a landmark building came up a number of times throughout the examination of witnesses. Hunter accepted that the building would definitely be prominent but would not agree that it should actually be considered a landmark. When Hal Kersey (planner for & partner in the Watercolours project) was later asked if Watercolours was intended as a landmark, he said that had not been the intention, but agreed that its construction may in fact result in the condominium becoming a landmark.

Pat Martin was the sole witness for the Municipality. Martin, in her capacity as a professional planner, went through many sections of the (County and Municipal) Official Plans, the Planning Act, the zoning by-law associated with the development as well as the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) on planning to demonstrate that the decision made by Council was sound.

Martin summarized the history of land use on the property going back to the (four story) Royal Kushog Hotel in 1921 through to the existing college building that remains on site. Martin also spoke about the grass roots movement to establish housing for seniors in the community and how it had led to the development under consideration.

Martin addressed the holding provisions in the by-law and their progress. Part of the process included a road closing which has been completed along with the merging of lands in title for the Watercolours property. She said both the Ministry of Transportation and the Municipality will approve the site plan and site plan agreement, establishing another multi level approval process for the protection of the community.

According to Martin a storm water management report and engineered plans for an internal sewer system will both be required prior to those holding provisions being removed from the by-law. She also said there must be sufficient capacity at the sewage plant in order for the project to move forward (something that is in place). In addition, a hydro-geological study will have to be completed to ensure adequate quality and quantity of water.

Martin said "In my opinion there is a need and support for this project. It is compatible with its surroundings; County and provincial policies support the project and the proposed by-law sets out the appropriate framework to ensure that any outstanding issues are addressed."

Martin said the latest census showed the seniors population in Dysart to be 23.7 percent of the total population, almost double the national or provincial average. She also said that some of that population is scattered, some isolated, throughout the rural and waterfront areas and housing opportunities for relocations are limited. The question of need for housing in the community was examined in great detail throughout the hearing from various perspectives.

The matter of availability of housing was also reviewed in various complexes throughout the community as well as the fact that many have a waiting list. That units will be available at Silver Beach geared to higher income residents was also tossed into the mix.

The height and number of units on each residential complex property compared with the acreage available were compared at least three times from differing perspectives, leaving all in the audience wondering whether the adjudicators would consider the 37 1/2 units per acre that will result from the Watercolours development appropriate as medium density.

Martin told the adjudicators that all medium density developments are considered by the Municipality through site specific zoning, looking at the unique character of each site. She said, "Constraints are not always liabilities and that is the advantage of site plan control."

Despite photographs that were provided during the public meeting by Stephen Foster, of HCC, which portrayed the mass of the condominium building against various foregrounds, Martin said that, "The hills behind the Watercolours building would offer a visual buffering and the building would not stick up against the skyline."

She also spoke about a number of projects that she considered to be examples of forward thinking in the Municipality's planning process, including the medical centre, hospital and numerous recreational opportunities. She said, "This development fits. The concept has been welcomed and embraced by the community at large."

Whether the development fits in the same way as other developments that were mentioned was

argued by Gillespie given that the examples provided ranged from one to three stories and most had flat roof lines.

Martin also spoke about the province promoting intensification and redevelopment to ensure that there is appropriate land to meet project needs for the next twenty years. She said, "With the lake on one side and the hills on the other there is little property available for development and this compact form meets the test of intensification."

Martin went through a considerable number of sections in Dysart's Official Plan, detailing why the development fit the community in her estimation. Many of these points were questioned and examined further during cross examination by Gillespie.

Referring to Hunter's sample by-law, Martin said the Municipality would agree to some accommodations as long as they did not jeopardize the project, particularly when it came to setbacks. She detailed the changes that could be made to extend setbacks which would better accommodate buffering.

Martin also suggested that this was not the first time that a building had been approved at 21 metres. She said that although Park Lane was only built to 11 metres, it had been approved for 21 metres. Gillespie enquired about the Municipality's definition of a story. This has caused some confusion over the months as the building has been approved for four stories, is portrayed as a five story building, but the approved height would allow for as much as seven stories.

Martin said that the by-law relies on the definition established by the Ontario Building Code. She agreed that the by-law was silent on the actual number of stories being allowed but in response to comments by Gillespie that the by-law would allow more stories she said this would be controlled by site plan agreement. (The fifth story under the by-laws definitions is considered a basement.) Martin later said, "It is Council's position that they approved a four story building and there would be no objection to that being included in the by-law."

Hal Kersey was then called as a witness for the developer. Kersey, who is also a registered planner with over 24 year's experience, detailed his position with Mady Development Corporation (in joint venture with Watercolours of Haliburton) and the process behind his involvement.

Kersey said that he had gone through a due diligence process with Martin both about the property and servicing prior to getting involved in the project. Responding to a question about the number of stories, Kersey said that an architect had been hired who had come up with the design. Kersey considered that the existing design would work well with the existing zoning by-law when considering the first floor as a walkout.

Kersey also testified that in his opinion the development met the requirements of medium density. He also confirmed his experience dealing with holding provisions in a by-law and he did not object to anything that was included in the existing site specific by-law.

Kersey confirmed that to date 88 of the condominium units have been reserved, an indication of need and desire for the development. When asked by Patton if he had heard anything in Hunter's testimony that had caused him to change his mind, Kersey said he hadn't. When asked by Gillespie in cross examination what portion of the building was below grade, Kersey said that none of it was.

Each of the lawyers then provided their summaries. Gillespie referred to a number of case studies which in his estimation provided the foundation for some of his arguments. One of these suggested that Kersey's objectivity should be questioned given his relationship with Watercolours. Along with many other arguments, Gillespie summed up the fact that the matter of how the development fit into the character of the community appeared to be a fundamental difference of opinion.

He stressed that this is a new form of development in the community and the largest residential development in its history, which indicated the need for as much public involvement as possible before the project is approved, something that he felt had not taken place. Gillespie stressed the importance of reducing the impact on the community.

Veldboom suggested that there was a serious disconnect between what had been on list of issues established for discussion during the hearing and the actual grounds for the appeal, as well as the evidence given by Hunter, compared to his written submissions. Veldboom said that the adjudicators should prefer the evidence given by Martin and the straight forward direction provided in the exhibited documents.

Agreeing with Veldboom, Patton suggested that character could not be considered in the abstract, and that there is no requirement to do so, when assessing this development proposal. According to Patton, the appellants had raised what he called the classic straw man and that even though the issue of character didn't exist, they continued to attack it. He said, "Character is a mythical issue and density is a non starter," adding that this is not a high density development.

Both Patton and Veldboom submitted that it was clear that the Dysart Council had met the tests of the Official Plan and the provincial policy statements, they had engaged in a broad and open consultation process, they had heard from the public and had given careful consideration to concerns through the use of holding provisions.

OMB member Joseph Sniezek (who provided the most colour during the hearing by wearing a variety of flamboyant bow ties ranging from peach to polka dots) agreed that he and his co-chair had been given contradictory evidence on each side. Sniezek said that, while they had considered 'dashing off a decision,' they would carefully weigh all of the evidence. They thanked residents who had come forward to participate in the process and declared the hearing concluded.

It should be mentioned that the decision will not necessarily be black and white. The adjudicators have complete latitude in rendering their decision and could even offer a compromise solution that considers the arguments made by both parties.

As to when we'll hear a decision, the OMB members issue decisions as soon as possible after the hearing ends. The timing depends on the length and complexity of the hearing but according to their website, in 80 per cent of their cases, the decisions are issued within 45 days. ■



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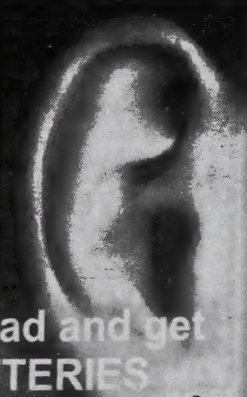
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The Dysart et al Council recently gave their support to a new and innovative method of creating affordable housing in the community. Haliburton County Places for People (P4P) is about to transform an existing building in the Village and create two affordable rental units for families in need.

Fay Martin, P4P President, approached Council with a proposal to renovate 19 George Street, once the Orange Hall and also the site of the Haliburton Dance Studio. However, the group needs permission to change the zoning from Urban Institutional to Residential, Type 3 which would allow the conversion of the building to a duplex with two, three bedroom units. They were also seeking what Martin called "a bit of preferential treatment" from Council through the waiver of fees and as much fast tracking of the process as is possible.

Martin described Places for People as a community-based, non-profit organization working through the efforts of local volunteers to create and provide safe rental housing for families at risk of homelessness in the County by offering

the support that encourages independence while strengthening the community. P4P was incorporated in July of 2007 and received formal charitable status last summer.

According to Martin, one of the goals of P4P is to acquire and renovate old buildings in good areas of town. Through this strategy, an existing building is revitalized to provide low income rental housing and in addition, improve the neighbourhood.

Martin said that P4P focuses on rental accommodation as a result of a two year broad based consultation process. She said they opted to focus on rental housing as the County has less rental stock than the provincial average. In addition, she said that the County had the dubious distinction of being the poorest jurisdiction in the province and that additional rental housing would accommodate the needs of those whose financial situation would preclude home ownership.

Martin said, "A lot of the rental housing available is rural which can create problems for people with low incomes as they don't usually have their own transportation. There has been very little affordable housing established in the County for a number of years, primarily as it isn't profitable for home builders."

Martin said that her organization sought property within walking distance from shops, schools and medical care. "It's hard to find something in an affordable price range and we've been looking since we incorporated and have come up dry until now. We're very happy to have found this property."

Martin said she was seeking assurances that P4P would be able to achieve the zoning change prior to proceeding with the purchase. She said that they had spoken with residents in surrounding homes to ensure they have a factual understanding of their project and no one had expressed concern about low income rental accommodations in the area. According to Martin, some even saw P4P's approach to be an advantage to the neighbourhood.

This program has run successfully in Orillia for the past four years. The local organization, not wanting to completely reinvent the wheel, has adopted a number of elements from the Orillia program because it was working so well. They purchase run down properties and renovate using volunteer labour and donated materials (similar to Habitat for Humanity) to complete the job as economically as possible.

P4P selects tenants who are at risk of homelessness. But Martin said there's a catch. Tenants must be willing to work with a circle of community volunteers on the project. The P4P volunteers can also support the tenants in a number of ways, including teaching them domestic skills or social skills, helping with organizational skills or connecting them with other community resources or simply by lending an ear or be-



Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

ing a friend.

According to P4P's philosophy, with the support of a small group of personal and professional volunteers to resolve issues that often prevents the tenants from succeeding in life, a two-way sense of belonging is nurtured that can strengthen the entire community.

Rent for the tenants is set as an equivalent to the shelter allowance of Ontario Works or the Ontario Disability Support Program, or at 30 percent of their net earnings in the case of the working poor. P4P sets aside a small portion of the rent in a trust fund that will assist the tenant to acquire some equity which they can use at some point in the future to make further transitions in their lives.

Martin said that P4P would use equity in the property to leverage the acquisition of other properties and transform them in the same way and for the same purpose.

Council was very supportive of this initiative. However, Reeve Murray Fearrey cautioned that zoning is a public process and while not likely, there could be an objection. Martin said that it was their hope that people would be supportive particularly when the need is well recognized within the community.

Later in the meeting, Council reviewed zoning and permit fees as well as the requirements for legal fees and advertising associated with rezoning applications. They also considered whether or not they would be setting any precedent by waiving fees.

Deputy Reeve Bill Davis said, "There are a number of people on the waiting list for subsidized housing. They're taking an unused building and creating much needed housing. I have no problem allowing some concessions that allow us to become part of the solution."

Council agreed that they would waive all but their out of pocket expenses, except in the case that there was an objection to the rezoning application.

The organization is always seeking volunteers to assist with their renovation project or to help support the tenants in a number of simple and practical ways. For more information about P4P check out their website at www.placesforpeople.ca.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

Further to your front-page article of 2009 02 26, I had an experience a week ago which might help to avoid another incident such as happened to Breanne Stephenson. Your excellent article doesn't mention anything that might have triggered the attack. I hope that she has a complete recovery...

The heading might be: "Parents: Warn your children to never startle any animal!"

We have a Lab-Rottie (99 pounds) who is a "gentle giant". Our neighbours will attest that he loves people and adores children. When they get tired of his company (help), they say "Toro, go home!" and he sadly wanders home.

A week ago we visited family for an evening of supper and euchre. During supper, Toro was lying quietly near my feet waiting for scraps to fall. One of the grandchildren, who is quite headstrong, came over beside him and I thought to just pet him. He lifted up Toro's ear and just one inch away, he screamed into Toro's ear!

Toro's natural defense reactions kicked-in and luckily, because of his gentle nature, the child got just a scratch on the cheek, no blood. We hope that the child has learned a lesson, the easy way.

We enjoy your paper,
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Kearns went through a detailed description of how the system worked and the testing process conducted by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment, something he was very proud of. He said that the emissions from his system had been tested and resulted in results that far exceed existing EPA and EEC emission standards.

He said that municipalities could exhume ancient waste sites and process it, allowing the expansion of existing landfill space. He said, "You should never have to look for another landfill site again."

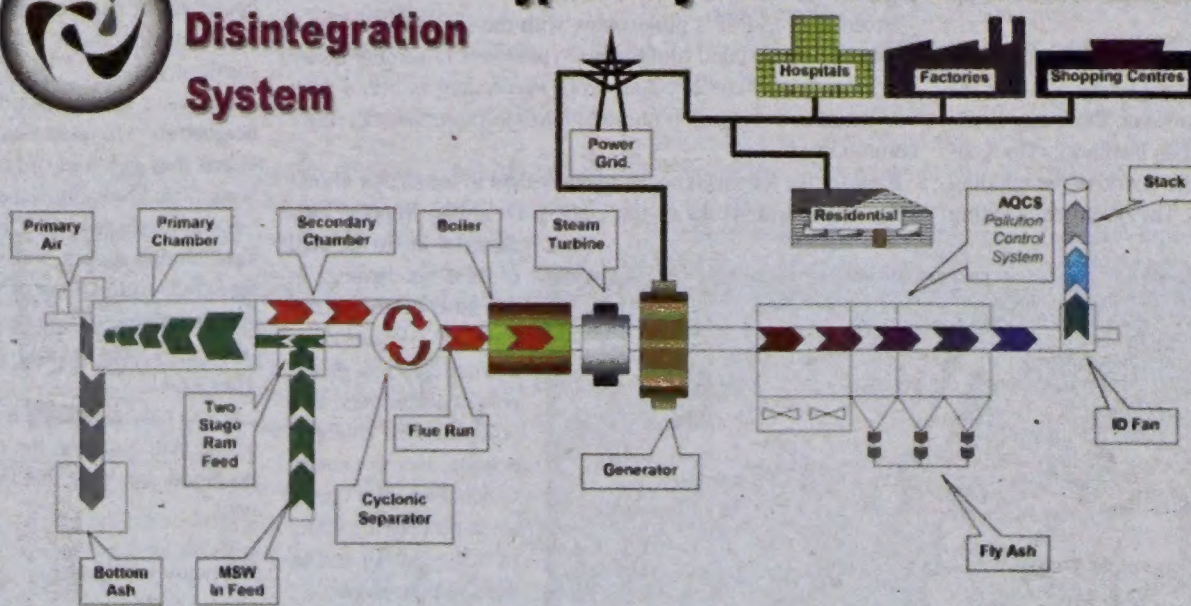
Kearns, who was definitely not hard to hear, gave a very colourful presentation. He spoke about studying the chemistry of modern man's garbage and said, "Without having done that, it would be like going out in the rain in your bare feet without an umbrella." He also said "This system takes it all, including the truck it arrives in."

According to Kearns, the system is designed to last at least 30 years and is even an ideal source of inexpensive recoverable energy, something which could attract any number of industries.



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A Kearns system that would manage all of the waste in the county would cost an estimated \$3.75 million dollars which Kearns says the system is very affordable. "If you can't afford it what would be the sense?" During later discussions it was acknowledged that funding is available for projects like this through the Green Energy Act and infrastructure initiatives, but Kearns said that if the County or one of the municipalities established a system, they could accept waste from other communities, establishing a revenue generating operation.

There is no question that those present were very impressed with the presentation. Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey asked what the process was to get a system in the County. Kearns said that a letter of interest was required which would kick start an audit of the

area to determine exactly what would be required. This would result in a detailed budget estimate. Three percent of the purchase price would be required which would be fully refundable (with the exception of actual costs) should the deal fall through for any reason.

Kearns confirmed that a system is already in place in Pennsylvania as well as another unit for Peel Region is being set up as a test site in Mississauga, thanks to the tenacity of Mayor Hazel McCallion. This will be the first in Ontario.

He ended his presentation by saying, "The world is full of people prepared to be in second place. Come and kick my machine's tires."

There is no doubt that we will hear more about this process in the near future. ■

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Dining on a Variety of "Wild" Meats

Annual Wild Game Dinner a Sell-Out and Significant Fundraiser for HHOA

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



Pictured left: HHOA members Dan Johnson and Phil Jung pull out some smoked Trout while they finish preparing the rest of the wild game dinner. Bottom right: MP Barry Devolin fills his plate with a little bit of everything. Other photos show just how many people were in attendance.



A hearty dinner – that was no doubt high in protein – was feasted on by about 200 people who attended the annual wild game dinner at the Haliburton Legion on Saturday, March 7.

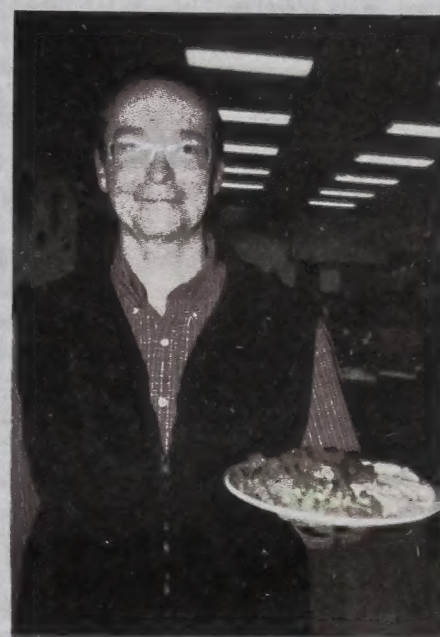
Organized by the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) and used as a way of raising funds for the groups' various projects, a long list of wild game animals were featured on the menu for the evening including: bear, boar, venison, moose, wild turkey, elk, buffalo and beaver. Vegetables and dessert were also a part of the meal.

An auction and raffle table were set-up at the event, with all items donated by local business and individuals. Dinner guests also were treated to a dance with music spun by DJ Jamie Bacon.

"This isn't the biggest fundraiser that HHOA has, but it's one of our best," said Keith Hodgson, President of the organization. Hodgson pointed out that the community has been extremely generous over the years with the donated items they always provide.

"You just have to give them (businesses) a couple of friendly calls and they come up with some really nice donations," he said.

This year there were approximately 250 items in total that lined the



raffle and auction tables. Some of the items that were up for grabs included hunting and fishing accessories, clothing, fur and artwork.

As for the preparation of the meal, HHOA volunteers worked away for two days at the Legion to get everything ready for the big night.

Hodgson estimated that about 400 – 500-lbs of meat was used to serve those who attended.

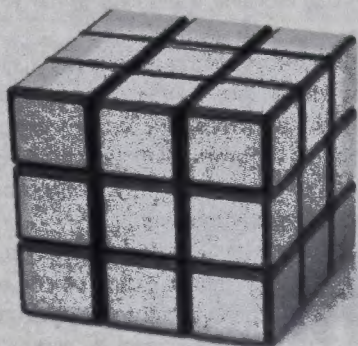
"We had a freezer full that was donated by hunters, except for the elk and buffalo which we had to buy," he said.

On average, the popular wild game dinner raises anywhere from \$7,000 - \$10,000 for the HHOA.

The HHOA is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1993 and includes 250 members. The group is committed to the sustainable management of natural resources. Some of their goals include: the promotion of hunting and fishing, working towards improving wildlife and fish habitat in cooperation with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and with private landowner, and educating HHOA members and the public about game and fish management and wise use and conservation of natural resources.

Other funding that the group is receiving includes \$20,000 over five years from the County of Haliburton and \$12,000 over three years from the Ministry of Natural Resources ■

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Councilors Consider Airport Expansion a Time Sensitive Matter

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Lengthy Discussions Held to Move Along \$3.7 Million Project in Township of Algonquin Highlands

In spite of the controversy that has surrounded the expansion of the Stanhope Airport in the Township of Algonquin Highlands for many months, members of Council are putting a push on moving the approved project ahead as quickly as possible.

It was just a month ago that Councilors and the public received the news that the project will be receiving about \$2.5 million in funding from the federal and provincial governments under Build Canada Fund infrastructure grants. The completed project will come in at a total cost of about \$3.7 million and will enhance the current 2,500-meter runway with the addition of a 1,220-meter crosswind runway.

During a regular Algonquin Highlands Council meeting on Thursday, March 5, Councilors held a lengthy discussion on the next steps they should take in handling the massive project.

"We have to make several decisions on how we move forward from this point on," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who recently returned from holidays. "We can't keep procrastinating now that we've been approved for the funding. We need to move forward in some fashion."

Harrison then turned the discussion over to Lorne Mitchell, CAO for the Township, who compiled a list of steps that he felt should now be taken to get things moving.

One of the first things he said Council should address is tree clearing, stumping and the issuing of tenders.

He added that Council should consider the structure and format for how they want to see the project move forward.

"In my mind there are three different venues that Council can consider for the coordination of the project," he said. Mitchell noted that an engineering firm would have to be contracted to oversee all aspects of the project and that someone would have to serve as the liaison between the public/Council and report on Council's accountability to the project.

"This person could be the engineer or Council could hire a contract coordinator," explained Mitchell. "That person can be familiar with the project, that person would interact with Council and the engineer, that person could be responsible for being a liaison with the public and Council, report progress to Council, manage the budget, negotiate any types of easements that might be necessary and control the expenditures."

Mitchell said that the contract coordinator position would be "instrumental in maintaining the accountability of the engineer in charge and the various contractors."

The third option, Mitchell said, would be that Council could decide to appoint the CAO as the project coordinator.

But first, Mitchell said that Council should choose the engineering firm they'd want to be lead engineers on the project.

"They are going to have to start the coordination of the circulation of the tender required for the various works. It's necessary to schedule a workflow in order to maintain the various work target dates for completion of the project."

Mitchell then recommended that Council continue to use the engineering services of Trow Global (formerly known as Richardson Foster Ltd.). The group has already conducted preliminary work for the project, which included the creation of the design/build component.

"Using the same engineering team has a direct benefit to the

Township in terms of their project knowledge, the overall cost and timing," said Mitchell.

To cover the remaining \$1.2 million cost of the expansion, Mitchell said that Council would have to apply for municipal borrowings.

"We can look at the OSIFA (Ontario Strategic Infrastructure Financing Authority) loan program, we can look at bank loaning or we can look at debentures through other financial institutions," he explained.

Mitchell also stated that Council will need to speak to private property owners and the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to receive permission for "topping as is required within the plan." Council will also have to ensure that the necessary measures have

been taken to ensure that a sufficient environmental assessment is conducted to meet the requirements of the federal government for project funding, Mitchell added.

He also went on to say that a development plan should be put in place for

the airport property.

"I'd like to form an advisory committee to assist with recommendations. The committee would include; the planner, the building department, it could include some of the business owners, airport committee members and I think that cottage association membership should be involved in that as well."

After his presentation, Harrison urged that the monetary situation with the project be examined first before jumping ahead into anything else.

"I think that Lorne's suggestion of having the treasurer (Sheila Griffin) bring back a report to the next Council meeting on all of the funding sources available is a good idea," she said.

Mitchell then quickly raised his concerns over the status of the environmental assessment after Harrison asked him how he felt about Griffin going ahead with addressing the sources of additional funding that are available.

"Before we get into that money thing, I'd like to know where we stand with the environmental assessment on this," he asked. "My only concern is do we have to have a complete environmental assessment on that which will stop us on our path?"

"If you'll remember correctly, the engineering firm that did all of the work indicated that the environmental assessment portion that they put into that - while it wasn't a full-blown EA process - would suffice," answered Harrison, while addressing members of Council. "Because we just found out that we received the funding, we haven't actually taken it much further."

According to Mitchell's understanding of the process, he said that with federal money flowing into the project a federal environmental component would likely be requested.

He said that in the environmental assessment act, it states that a full assessment would be required if the runway would be 1500 metres or more. Stanhope's new crosswind runway will come in under that at 1220 metres. "It's my understanding that the requirement for a comprehensive EA does not apply but there will be a requirement for some form of an environmental screening."

Mitchell recommended that the engineering firm involved in the project be in charge of finding out if Council has sufficiently addressed the environmental component.

"If any questions were to arise regarding the engineers content, they could answer them," he said. "If I do it and they start asking me questions I'll have to go back to the engineer."

Council then passed a motion to instruct the treasurer to prepare a report outlining their options for further funding that will be presented at their next meeting on March 19.

Next, Council discussed whether or not to continue using the same engineering firm that they brought on to be a part of the project since its early stages.

"Richardson Foster Ltd. already took it to the tender stage," said Harrison. "Tax dollars have been spent to take it to that stage. I think that we would be wasting money by going with another engineering firm at this point in time."

In response, Councilor Tom Gardner inquired whether or not it would be possible to split the work up between two different firms.

"I agree that Richardson Foster has gotten it to a certain point, so maybe they'd be the obvious group to put out the tenders, answer questions and advise us of the best tenders," he said. "But could you also tender out for an engineering firm for oversight of the project?"

Mitchell said that this option would be possible but advised against it.

"Richardson Foster has experience with airport runways and they designed the thing," he explained. "When you're trying to build to those specifications it's probably better to go with the ones who came up with the design rather than use someone else."

He added that additional costs would likely be incurred if another firm were appointed because they would probably redo work that has already been completed by Richardson Foster.

Harrison agreed with Mitchell, saying that changing something midstream would inevitably waste taxpayer dollars in the long run.

Councilor Carol Moffatt asked if using the services of the same engineering firm throughout the project would be comparable to decisions that Council has made with other projects in the past, or if this was just a way of "running around their own policies."

"We did exactly the same thing with the Buckslide Bridge and it has worked well for us," answered Harrison.

Gardner continued to raise his concerns over giving all of the work to one engineering firm, however, Mitchell and Harrison reasoned with him as to why Council should stick with who they've got.

"Engineers who do all of the work on county roads are the engineers who oversee the projects," said Harrison. "I think there's got to be a reason for that and the reason is probably similar to what we're discussing."

Moffatt again expressed feelings of apprehension for giving the entire project over to one firm.

"Something funny sits with me about just giving them the go ahead to simply move in and take over the entire job," she said.

After further discussion, Council did manage to pass a motion to continue using the services of Trow Engineering for the expansion project.

Council then revisited the environmental assessment issue and passed a motion to instruct the Trow firm to forward pertinent information to the federal agency responsible for the Build Canada Fund to see if more EA work would be required to receive the grants as expected.

The Stanhope Airport expansion is one of several projects in the County that will receive funding from the Build Canada. Including the airport, almost \$6.5 million was announced for the area with projects that include the replacement of the Pine Lake Bridge, rehabilitation of the Allsaw Bridge, repaving of Cty Rd. 21 (between Soyers Lake Rd. and the Delta Pinestone Resort) and the construction of an elevated water tank in the Township of Minden Hills.

Since the beginning of the proposed airport expansion, members of the executive of the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association (MBC) have strongly opposed the project. They have said that the project will have little benefit to locals and cottagers will be a waste of taxpayer dollars and could be harmful to the surrounding environment.

The MBC recently sent a letter to Greg Sorbara, the Minister of Finance, and others, requesting that a full environmental assessment be conducted before the project goes any further. The letter was also sent to Council but wasn't put on the agenda due to when it was received. For more on MBC's action read Liz Danielsen's full report opposite ■

"We can't keep procrastinating now that we've been approved for the funding. We need to move forward in some fashion." – Reeve Eleanor Harrison

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Lake Association Opposition to Airport Expansion Continues

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

While the Algonquin Highlands Council continues to move forward with its plans for Stanhope Airport expansion, the Maple, Beech & Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association (MBC) has taken strong some action of its own. The lake association has sent letters to representatives of both the federal and provincial governments requesting a full environmental assessment of the airport expansion project.

Letters were sent to the Ministers of Environment at both levels, the Minister of Transport Canada, Industry Canada, the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure Ontario and the President of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency. Under the signature of Andy Muirhead as MBC's Research Director, one letter sent to the Hon. G. Smitheman, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure Ontario states that the environmental assessment (EA) is being requested based on the significant intrusion/disruption to a sensitive watershed and to a quiet residential neighborhood.

Muirhead says that MBC's membership represents a substantial percentage of the landowners and ratepayers in the geographic township of Stanhope who are the most directly affected (and informed) residents about the project. Muirhead says that MBC has the support of many other property and lake associations as well as from neighboring jurisdictions.

He advised Smitheman that MBC has long expressed concerns regarding the negative impacts of the project and has invested years researching the proposal, making numerous representations to the Algonquin Highlands Council detailing technical concerns, inadequate economic and social justifications and, most importantly, environmental risks. Muirhead goes on to say that to date any efforts at opening meaningful dialogue on the controversial project have met with no satisfactory solution.

MBC's letter suggests that Building Canada's acceptance of the project was inappropriate and based on insufficient and/or inaccurate information provided by the municipality. In the association's opinion the environmental assessment process has become, by default, the only avenue left for reasoned public input and "may well be the last forum in which to obtain some level of accountability from Council."

The lake association further requests the immediate listing of the project with the Environmental Registry followed by the appropriate processes as required by legislation.

The Environmental Registry is a website that provides public access to a database holding information about environmental proposals and decisions made by the Ontario government. It is a way to ensure that the public can participate in decisions being made that have environmental impacts. The Registry is the only one of its kind in Canada and was created under Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993.

The Registry allows the public to exercise its right to being given notice of decisions related to environmental matters and provide comments. The Environmental Commissioner of Ontario is responsible for monitoring that the government fulfills its obligations under the Environmental Bill of Rights, including the Registry.

Despite earlier studies and the recently adopted Aeronautical, Engineering and Environmental Information Report adopted in September of 2008 by Council, MBC maintain that insufficient ground water studies have been conducted. They voice concern about the impact to adjacent cold water trout streams, the location of low level flight corridors over residences and wetlands with waterfowl, raptor and heron nesting and breeding as well as the need for tree removal and permanent management (topping) of trees on crown and private lands in excess of two kilometers from the airport property.

The final impact that is listed in the letter to Smitheman are the unreasonable social and economic burdens, including permanent negative impact on property values, enjoyment of property and the increased municipal tax burden associated with the project.

With respect to the tax burden, according to Muirhead MBC maintain that the municipality has "consistently acted unjustifiably optimistic and under supported projections of the project's eco-

nomic benefits as well as misleading or insufficiently clear projections of future costs to ratepayers."

Muirhead wrote that to allow any exemption to the development process would be to "grant a free pass to a project with eventual estimated costs approaching 6 million dollars which would establish an undesirable and indeed dangerous precedent for future projects across the country."

According to MBC's President Paul MacInnes, the association also sent a memorandum to MP Barry Devolin, advising him of their intention to challenge the propriety of Building Canada funding based on potential deficiencies in Algonquin Highlands' application and their failure to meet eligibility criteria. They ask Devolin to make inquiries at the appropriate levels within the Ministry of Environment to ensure compliance with their request for the environmental assessment.

The Voice contacted Devolin who confirmed receipt of MBC's memorandum detailing their actions.

In describing the terms of environmental assessments for infrastructure projects, Devolin said, "There are relatively few situations where EA jurisdiction is clearly federal, but airports are one of them. What the Municipality has done so far is submit a record of the (environmental) work done to date to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency)."

"It's a complicated process." He said there are four different levels of environmental assessments and ultimately the Agency will make the determination which is most appropriate and what if anything will still be required.

Devolin, referring to MBC's position that the highest level of EA should be initiated, said, "I would argue that's what is happening right now." In Devolin's estimation the Municipality is being proactive by providing information in advance, knowing that they would see the request coming to them down the road.

Devolin also said, "It is important for people to feel like they have been able to have their say and be part of the process, even if they don't agree with how things turn out."

When asked about their actions, MBC President Paul MacInnes said, "After the Build Canada decision to fund the new runway our executive decided that we had no choice but to continue speaking out. The people of this County who will be so negatively impacted have a right to ensure that due process is followed."

"The project lacks economic justification and proper planning. If it is to proceed, we need to ensure that, at a minimum, the environment, which is so critical to the economy of Haliburton County, is protected."

"Tax payers have a right to a full environmental assessment before any shovels hit the ground or trees in Dysart and Algonquin Highlands are cut on crown land and most importantly on private property. The people who swim in and drink the water from this whole watershed, whether they are on Maple Lake or in Minden have a right to ensure that all the necessary steps are taken to protect that water."

MacInnes said, "The politicians have so far failed to protect the people of this County. We cannot fail these same people."

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Considering Forest Fire Management in Highlands East

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

During February the Highlands East Council was asked to consider extending the Municipality's area of responsibility for forest fire management, which forms part of an agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources. Taking this step was considered somewhat risky by several of the Council members and Fire Chief Bill Wingrove was asked to do a bit more research in order to allow the Council an opportunity to make a more informed decision.

Municipalities in Ontario are responsible for all fires within their boundaries, with the exception of brush or forest fires where there is no access. The responsibility then becomes that of the Ministry. Each of the municipalities in Haliburton County have agreements in place (most of which have recently been renewed) detailing their responsibility to develop and implement forest fire prevention programs, to control open air burning through by-laws or a permit system and finally to fight fires in their designated areas.

When it comes to controlling brush and forest fires, most municipalities assume responsibility for any area that is accessible by road. Should a forest fire reach such proportions that there is risk to people or property, the Ministry will provide assistance. Dave Brown, Fire Management Supervisor for MNR in Haliburton said, "We help each other out in our respective territories based on a cost recovery formula that has been established."

Brown, who confirmed that the Ministry had initiated the

change in area of responsibility, said, "The agreements are quite flexible and the terms are determined in consultation between the two parties."



Fire Chief Bill Wingrove

At the present time the Municipality is responsible for approximately 38,000 hectares of crown land and the Ministry is responsible for 29,000. When the agreements are due for renewal, Brown says that the Ministry takes a look at the fire history in the area and whether there have been any new roads established and make recommendations for the municipality to take on responsibility for more land. In the case of a road no longer being navigable for any reason, the Ministry will also take back areas that can no longer be accessed.

The land under consideration includes areas bordering Loves Road and the Forest Access Road, an area on Hadlington Road and along Highway 118, land around Cedar Lake, land south of Bark Lake and a small area around Green

Mountain. Wingrove said, "It sounds like a lot of land, but it isn't relative to what the municipality is already responsible for." Wingrove also said the only concern that had been raised from within the department was accessibility along a portion of the Forest Access Road.

Wingrove said that it was standard practice to fight small brush fires using an ATV and trailer equipped with pumps. "There is sufficient water in most areas to be able to deal with any of the small fires and ensure that things don't get out of control." He also said that in exchange for taking on the responsibility for

"Assuming responsibility for this land is just a natural progression for the department." (Fire Chief Bill Wingrove)

this expanded area, the Ministry pays the Municipality just over \$6,000 annually to assist with the department's expenses.

Wingrove said that the Ministry has conducted a 10 year study and have found that the fire load (needles and leaves on the ground) is low in the area and most fires have been recreational in nature caused by campfires. "It's a matter of risk management," he said, adding that with all of the new hunt camps and cottages in the area, the fire department has to provide protection in the area anyway, even if it's in the Ministry's area of responsibility.

"Highlands East is an area that is still developing and we'll have to extend our services as development takes place," he said. "Assuming responsibility for this land is just a natural progression for the department."

When Wingrove presented the possibility of an expanded area to Council, Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie voiced concern about the cost that could be incurred should the Ministry be required to bring in a water bomber to assist with a potential fire. Wingrove confirmed that this was part of their existing agreement, and nothing new.

Mackie said, "We should seriously look at that. It is too great a risk for a few thousand dollars. It could cost us \$100,000 in a worst case scenario, and it's simply not worth the risk." Mackie also commented that the areas under consideration had not been affected by fire for a number of years. He said, "Typically we should take on areas that have been burned. These areas represent greater risk." He also said that the Municipality didn't have the personnel or the expertise to take on massive amounts of crown land.

Mackie said, "I'm not prepared to put that much responsibility on to the fire fighters. We'd be putting our personnel at risk. All we need is one big fire."

Councillor Suzanne Partridge said, "Let MNR take care of their own land and our volunteers take care of fires in the municipality."

Wingrove agreed to look into the matter further and even bring a representative from the Ministry in to speak with Council. He later confirmed that the areas under consideration have been developed and can now be accessed, something that the municipality should be responsible for. He also said that a lot of the area being considered is low lying and swampy, with little risk associated with it.

According to Wingrove it is important to provide more opportunity for the fire fighters to conduct live training, something that more area would allow. As to their capabilities, Chief Wingrove said that any brush fires fought by the department had been handled efficiently and brought under control quickly. He said, "I have confidence in our fire fighters and the ability they have gained from past experience dealing with forest and brush fires. Continued training opportunities will only improve the situation."

In comparison, Minden Hills Fire Chief Doug Schell said that their agreement with the Ministry covers almost one hundred thousand hectares of land. The Municipality covers just over 40,000 hectares of crown and private land where there is road access and the Ministry covers the remainder.

Schell says that their agreement, which is now in place until 2012, is the same except that Minden Hills pays about \$2,000 to the crown for extra coverage. He said that most of the fire departments have ATVs and trailers with pumps to deal with the small brush fires. Schell also said that overall brush fires cause much less stress than structural fires where the odds of risk to people and property are much greater.

The current agreement with Highlands East has been in place since the mid 1990's. Just before going to press, Wingrove confirmed that the Municipality was in the process of developing a Fire Master Plan. In consultation with the Reeve and the CAO, it has been decided that any change in the agreement will be deferred until the master plan is completed.

Brown also confirmed that changes could be made during the term of the agreement as long as they were negotiated during the winter months, and not during the Ministry's fire season. ■

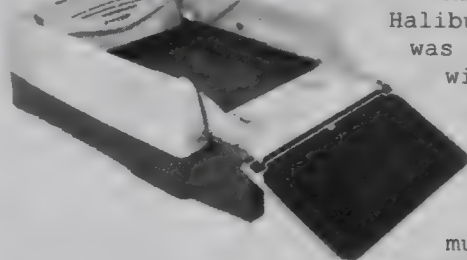
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Catching Green Launches Innovative Website

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Local Group Of Patient News Publishing Employees Are Planting Seeds In The County

An innovative website, built right here in Haliburton, hopes to capture minds and hearts as it seeks new structures for green initiatives.

The website, catchinggreen.com was developed by six employees at Patient News Publishing (PNP) and is a highly interactive vehicle that they maintain is one-of-a-kind, based upon a series of integrated templates meant to be shared by both businesses and citizens on a local, national and worldwide level.

The six PNP employees who created Catching Green are Patti Lou Robinson, IT Director Alice Miller, Graphic Design Supervisor Sarah Carlin, IT Programmer/Analyst John Sadler, Product Development Manager Holly Hutchison, and Client Services Account Manager Rachel Howell.

They started this group last June – originally called green Business Haliburton – and over 30 area business owners attended that inaugural meeting.

In the intervening months since that first foray into green initiatives, the small, but engaging group at PNP are moving forward with some novel and innovative programs.

The website forms the lynchpin of their green initiative and last Wednesday afternoon, at the Patient News offices, the group once again invited members of the local business community along with some environmental activists to a meeting designed to show off the new website.

Sadler is responsible for the nuts and bolts design and development of catchinggreen.com and he had the website up and displayed on a projector in the PNP boardroom.

Eric Lilius, the VP of Environment Haliburton, Yours Outdoors Director Barry Martin and Andrea Coysh, the President of the Haliburton County Farmers were just some of the local business representatives and green activists in attendance at Wednesday's meeting.

The Catching Green mission statement was outlined at that inaugural meeting last June. "We want to freely share what we discovered, when striving for environmental sustainability, with others so that everyone who uses it will benefit," Miller said.

"The founders of Catching Green decided to apply their experience and convictions to make a difference to the environment and to their communities," added Miller. "The PNP environmental team's mandate was to develop and implement policies and procedures to make the company environmentally sustainable in a cost effective manner. Over two years of continuous improvements to the company's practices, using environmental products, methods, and policies created much success including the reduction of the company's environmental footprint and a prestigious environmental print award."

Last Wednesday the Catching Green group said that they were relying on the website to help other businesses to implement similar strategies that have allowed PNP to flourish on the cutting edge of greener workplace practices.

They are continuing their very successful integration with the U-Links research wing at Trent University in Peterborough. Students involved in the U-Links research project have been involved with Catching Green from the outset and they continue to work within the research framework providing strategies for reducing the environmental impact in the workplace. U-Links have their own link to the Catching Green website as well.

Sadler said that the goal of the website is to allow other businesses to share ideas via their own success stories. Those stories will be added as they come in, and Sadler added that flexibility and ease of access is the key to making the website a productive template for other businesses. Businesses, civilians, organizations are urged to register and provide their own stories, templates and strategies, making catchinggreen.com a truly relevant and interactive component of Catching Green's overall strategy.

As stated on the website: "There is a misconception that green initiatives restrict the functions, processes, and profitability of a business. In reality, by introducing green initiatives the result is a more sustainable growth. Green initiatives are becoming best business practices and they actually ensure business success and longevity."

More cynical members of the electorate will note that it's the same strategy and reasoning espoused by the Liberal's Stephane Dion in the last federal election. Mr. Dion, like the members of Catching Green Haliburton, believes that green business practices actually lead to a rise and not a drop in bottom line and business margin. So it's nice to see local groups taking up the sword that Mr. Dion so gallantly fell upon in the last election. Green groups in countries like Germany have even developed sustainable and very profitable business templates based on the sale and implementation of green initiatives and products. So while some measure of cynicism still abounds among the neo-cons, there is a growing need to shed some light on a strict regimen of green-based accountability in the workplace. Catching Green feels it is filling a vital niche, and it's hard to argue with their logic.

The initiatives set forth by catching Green stress using a minimal amount of non-renewable resources, in addition to use of energy-efficient systems and equipment and renewable sources of energy. Catching Green also advocates the reuse of materials and recycling where reuse is not possible coupled with a reduction of emissions and waste.

The website offers strategies via templates. The templates are up on the website and can be downloaded by members. (Joining is simple and it's free, but you must be registered to participate.) Those templates consist of a series of checklists, office strategies and goal-oriented ideas which can be printed and put into use immediately.

The goal is to provide some office-ready strategies based on already successful business strategies. Right now those templates are mostly concerned with some success stories and ideas emanating from strategies already incorporated by PNP. Things, for instance, like the coordination of departments at PNP which have reduced Staples

office delivery runs from three deliveries a week a year ago to one run per week today.

It may seem like a small thing, but if other businesses in the Haliburton area could for instance conspire to coordinate their Staples deliveries, that could take a significant number of trucks off the road in a single week and that adds up to a huge reduction in vehicular traffic in the course of a year.

"How many trucks could we remove from the highway if we offered consolidated delivery on the website," asked Miller.

Sadler says that the Catching Green website could act as a coordinator of such strategies, but added that it won't stop there. Indeed, Sadler envisions a website that is open to interaction on a maximum level. To quote the website: "Our goal is to enable you to take your business green without the stress and frustration of having to research and test methods on your own. This site puts the research and the processes at your fingertips."

Sadler went on to explain that catchinggreen.com is meant to provide a working vehicle for businesses and organizations across Canada and eventually around the world via the web.

"Check lists are available on the site to use in your business," said Sadler. The group also hopes that many businesses will hop on board; utilizing the efficient web interactivity located on the site that will allow them to submit their own success stories, suggest workable green products and offer their own ideas and workplace templates.

"We will then post those ideas up on our website," says Sandler. The group explains that they did a fairly comprehensive search for websites offering similar assets, but came up empty. "We didn't find any other website that offered similar programs and similar connectivity," said Miller, who adds that they did get a small grant from the HCDC to get the website up and running.

A small chuckle went up from the six Catching Green innovators when they were asked about their own remuneration. "We're strictly volunteer," smiled Hutchison. It should be noted that Patient News is very workplace friendly when it comes to allowing the six to work and coordinate green strategies and subsequent meeting times for Catching Green sessions.

The group hopes to rev up their strategic planning capabilities with monthly meetings open to all Haliburton area businesses and environmental groups, as well as members of the general public. They maintain that only through collective and unified effort is a truly green Haliburton possible.

They hope that the catchinggreen.com website will provide the catalyst for a burgeoning interest in green workplace strategies locally, nationally and abroad.

"One aspect is to share what we've done," said Miller. "Always in our mind is a vision to create a sustainable community."

Bottom line? They want to ensure, in the upcoming days months and years, that Catching Green is catching on. ■



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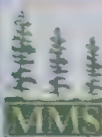
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News Flash

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Glen Dart Memorial – 57 Years



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Coaches: Ed Muenzel, Keith Clark

Players: Kurtis Adams, Jocelyn Bretzlaff, Brandon Clark, Tyler Clark, Sam Gilbert, Jacob Haedicke, Lucas Haedicke, Louis Muenzel, Cullen Johnston, Carter Semach, Paul Turner



SENIOR Team D

Coaches: Bill Mulholland and Bernie Upton

Players: Colby Cunningham, Lindsay Dunn, Joe Ferracuti, Maddie Ferracuti, Jacob Kidd, Alex Lopez, Tyler Marshall, Mike Mazara, Graig Mulholland, Emily Stonehouse, Jonah Stonehouse, Alex Trehame, Dillon Upton



CANUCKS

Coaches: Jon Petrie, Jeff Sisson

Players: Kade Bain, Noah Black, Jaxson Campbell, Abe Churko, Sydney Churko, Alexander Petrie, Will Petrie, Jordy Schell, Jake Sisson, Jesse Sisson, Nigel Smith



FLYERS

Coaches: Steve Ferracuti, Tim Turcotte

Players: Nick Barry, Travis Bird, Marques Bortolussi, Dalton Day, Louis Ferracuti, Taylor Lewis, Ryan Manning, Jordan Nimigon, Luke Packard, Mac Rider, Caleb Schmidt, Alex Turcotte



SENIOR Team A

Coaches: Mark Dennys and Mark McMaster

Players: Joshua Dennys, Shane Dibblee, Curtis Jennings, Jeff Kraft, Daniel Langpohl, Alex McMaster, Jacob Outram, Kelly Outram, Paige Roberts, Jesse Schmidt, Kristen Schollig, Elaine Searle, Nathan Woodcock, Tyler Woods



HAWKS

Coaches: Paul Longo, Dan Lapierre, Amy Klose

Players: Denver Allore, Jordan Lapierre, Sam Longo, Emily Klose, Hannah Klose, Sydney Moore, Aiden Neave, Carter Russell-Bull, Zak Shantz, Michael Stephen, Lexie Tait

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CANADIENS

Coaches: Bob Schmidt, Mike MacNaull

Players: Christopher Bangay, Devon Bangay, Nick Dollo, Andre Dulong, Ian Griffin, Nikki Kelly, Ben MacNaull, Jonathon Morrison, Dan Rivard, Ben Schmidt, Ben Wruth

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LEAFS

Coaches: Rob Meyers, Dave Stevenson

Players: Connor Brandon, Nathan Bretzlaff, Jadon Bull, Jesse Davis, Jordan Doiron, Tyler Higgins, Dwight Hutchings, Del Meyers, Ryot Munshaw, Stuart Searle, Keifer Stevenson, Rourke Stevenson



WINGS

Coaches: Scott Clements, Ed Smolen

Players: Paige Billings, Parker Casey, Reese Casey, Kristie Clements, Tyson Clements, Jackson Gartshore, Lucas Hunter, Matt Smith, Parker Smolen, Connor Spence, Alec Stoughton, Cassie Stoughton, Brendan Taylor

Glen Dart Memorial Cont'd...



SABRES

Coaches: Steve Smith, Jeff Bain

Players: Cody Bain, Nicole Black, Cassidy Garbutt, Joey Hancock, Matt Kim, Loic Muli Delamarre, Sabastion Muli Delamarre, Tyler Perrin, Brandon Petry, Marshall Petry, Hunter Smith, Harrison Wessel



SENIOR Team C

Coaches: Richard Van Nood and Ken Barry

Players: Greg Baumgartner, Katelin Cowan, Tanner Cowan, Brett Hicks, Robbie Hicks, Chris Iles, Tom Nichol, Leo Regina, Ryan Richards, Tim Thurley, Adam Van Nood



TIMBITS Group A

Coaches: Jennifer Semach, Steve Coumbs

Players: Emily Alexander, Kiera Casey, Ethan Chartrand, Kaitlyne Fischer, Corin Gervais, Calem Harris, Ella Moynes, Alyssa Morrisette, Ava Patterson, Courtney Semach, Alex Sharp, Emma Tidey, Cameron Tuleigh, Zander Upton



TIMBITS Group B

Coaches: Steve Coumbs, Craig Crowe, Derek Wilson, Scott Coles

Players: Aaron Bellefleur, Joe Boice, Miki Bukta, Brendan Coumbs, James Cowen, Colin Crowe, Xavier Dulong, Holden Dupret Smith, Samuel Hoenow, Sam Johnston, Dylan Keefer, Aiden Neave, Sterling Nesbitt, Cole Prentice, Dakota Sawyer, Timothy Turner, Tyler Wilson, Billy Walker



SENIOR Team B

Coaches: Glen Vieira and Tom Thurley

Players: Julian Barry, Mike Callaghan, Brady Cowan, Emma Cox, Cody Donaldson, Katlyn Dorion, Curtis Hutchings, Ryan Hutchings, Andrew Murray, Jonathan Murray, Tyler Turcotte, Jerimiah Wruth, Matt Vieira



SHARKS

Coaches: Jason Morissette, Clay Glecoff, Scott Coles

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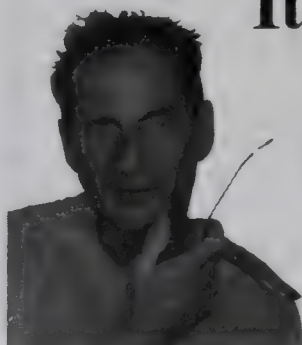
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It's Brier Time - Canada's Homage to Chucked Granite



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

If you're smart, you will not admit an addiction to the game of curling.

You will not tell your friends that you're too busy to come out tonight because you're home watching curling.

People give you a hard time.

They will say things like: "What are you serious? Curling? Do you actually have a life, or are you just a congenital moron?"

I can take the insults.

What I can't handle are the attendant slurs aimed at the roaring game. People who feel obliged to say mean things about you and your preoccupation with curling never stop there. They like to enforce their opinion by saying derogatory things about the game itself. This I find intolerable. Insult me, fine. Do not carry on with the name calling and invective about the grand old game.

People who know nothing about the nuance of the sport feel

entitled to spout vile bile and vitriol.

"It's a stupid game ... it's boring ... people who like it are morons ... like you Gav."

It's okay.

I forgive them. Most of them are not that bright anyway. And they have no idea about the niceties and the subtle flow of the great and glorious roaring game.

I have a friend, Jamie McBlarney, who compares curling to Frisbee Golf. "It's the most boring sport ever invented by man. It's like watching paint dry, and I can't believe that you can just sit there and watch it, like some moony-eyed couch potato in the last throes of a degenerative brain disease. What's next, the World League of Frisbee Golf?"

Hey hold on here. Curling is much more exciting than Frisbee Golf. There are no pink brooms in Frisbee Golf; no Teflon sliders; no

People do not yell "hurry hard!" or "no, no, never!" in Frisbee Golf. Good looking people like Jennifer Jones, Kevin Martin and Jeff Stoughton do not play Frisbee Golf.

Also, and this is perhaps most important. In Frisbee Golf, we are at the mercy of terrorist dogs. Like that border collie who continuously patrols the Frisbee Golf playing field, You're on the tee at number three and let fly with a perfect Frisbee Golf drive and then bam, all of a sudden, that little black and white s.o.b. is soaring high in the air like some seminal refugee from Alice in Wonderland, and lickety split in a wink, he grabs the Frisbee and then disappears over the creek and into the distance. Frisbee Golf game is: Over by Rover.

I explain this to my friend Jamie McBlarney. "What's that got to do with curling? Are you a total idiot?" asks Jamie. Jamie is not fond of the quick repartee and suave parlay or the facetious argument for that matter.

"Simple," I say. "It is unheard of in curling circles for a dog, even a very, very, big dog like a Great Dane or a Newfie or a St Bernard to wander onto the curling surface and make off with the tools of the trade. A: No dog is fond of fetching a 45 pound lump of granite; and B: Big dogs find it very hard to walk on ice... especially when carrying an 80-pound lump of stone."

This is where Jamie will take off his hat and proceed to beat me about the head while yelling: "You idiot. First you start at 45 pounds and then move to 80 pounds. Moron. Which is it, you simpleton? Is it 45 or 80 pounds you lump of shale? Turn off the curling and do

something constructive for a change."

It's what most people say to me.

But I will continue to watch curling.

I watch it because I've been watching it since I was a youngster back in Manitoba.

And because I was witness to one of the most bizarre curling games ever staged in the history of the game. It happened at the Halcyon Golf and Curling Club back in 1985, and I was there, and I have the pictures to prove it.

My Auntie Alice was playing in an early A-Side round in the local year-end spiel. She and my Uncle Baldur, my cousin Radnur and his wife Cheryl were playing mixed doubles.

They just happened to get locked into a duel with the spiel favorites, a team of ringers skipped by my cousin and another of Alice's nephews, Thor Bjornson, who also just happened to be skipping a Halcyon men's foursome that finished second in the Manitoba Provincial Tankard in 1985. Thor was a killer on a sheet of ice. A baby-faced assassin.

My Aunt Alice liked to have a few sherries during a game, but this was her third draw of the day. And the sherries had morphed to tequila shots. Don't ask.

In the fourth end, with Thor up 6-1, Aunt Alice started mumbling. Thor had a beautiful delivery and a seamless slide to release.

Thor was removing rocks with abandon, but always deferentially apologizing to Auntie Alice after every made shot.

He was a very nice guy and a genteel competitor.

I was down at ice level taking some pictures when I heard Aunt Alice's muttered refrain. "Look at Thor, that young bugger; he's sliding past the hog line; he's holding that rock too long, dammit."

It was the tequila talking, and we tried to reassure her that Thor was legal. She mumbled again. Her mind was set.

And sure enough, on Thor's next slide out from the hack, as he slid effortlessly to the hog line, I remember clear as polished ice, this tiny little lady sliding from the sideboards, and then the sudden flash of Aunt Alice's old straw broom as she shoved it between Thor's delicately balanced legs.

The rock went south and Thor went north. And Aunt Alice watched with glee as Thor's stone rolled into the sideboards. And then just before leaving she gave poor Thor two whacks to his backside with the old straw broom.

"Let go of that damn rock or you'll get the same again," Aunt Alice said to Thor, who was, to his credit, smiling sheepishly. And everyone in the old curling club was laughing.

Why?

Well, because Auntie Alice used to give hundreds of curling students in Halcyon a few whacks on the backside when she was teaching us all how to curl over her four decades of volunteer coaching at the ol' Halcyon Golf and Curling club.

Auntie Alice never again switched from sherry to tequila shots at a bonspiel. And Thor?

Well he went on to win that game 10-4, but he never slid out more than 10 feet from the hack for the remainder of the contest.

That's why I watch curling.

And today, every time I watch Kevin Martin, or Jeff Stoughton sliding so smoothly and serene from the hack, and just prior to that in-turn release, my mind flashes back to 1985, and I can still vividly picture Auntie Alice's old straw broom, flashing.

And just for a second, a smile. ■



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Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Humans vs. Nature

Most wars during the last half of the 20th century occurred in areas that are home to the most diverse and environmentally threatened wildlife on Earth, according to a new report published in the journal *Conservation Biology*. From the use of the defoliant Agent Orange during the Vietnam War to the recent fighting near gorilla and hippopotamus habitats in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the researchers found that 81 percent of major armed conflicts between 1950 and 2000 were conducted in 34 regions referred to by Conservation International as "biodiversity hot spots." Such conflicts often occur in these areas because of the cover provided by their deep forests and tall mountains. War refugees add to the stress on these endangered environments by hunting for food, cutting trees for firewood and building camps, the report states.

No Warming Delay

Any hopes that the recent global economic downturn could temporarily delay climate change were dashed by a U.S. report that says the rate at which carbon dioxide is entering the atmosphere actually accelerated during 2008. Some analysts had predicted the recession would bring a 2 percent reduction in developed nations' greenhouse gas emissions. "For us to see (the impact) in the atmosphere it would take a large drop in emissions, but it hasn't happened yet and that's very clear from this data," said Thomas Conway, a NOAA climate scientist who helped prepare the report. He said that variations in natural processes, such as those in the forests and oceans that absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, can mask small changes in manmade emissions in the short term.

Forced Evacuations

Fresh explosions within a southern Chilean volcano prompted authorities to force residents of a nearby city to evacuate for the second time in less than a year. About 150 people had returned to the area around Chaiten despite it being virtually destroyed last May by the first eruption in 9,000 years of a nearby volcano of the same name. Chile's emergency service agency said any new explosions of the smoldering mountain could send a huge cloud of superheated debris and gas cascading into the heart of Chaiten. "The government's not going to allow people to burn themselves up or commit collective suicide," Justice Ministry spokesman Francisco Vidal told reporters. A navy boat removed all 17 youths in the group over the objections of some parents.

Polar Warming

Results of studies conducted during the U.N.-sponsored International Polar Year (IPY) have found that the Arctic and Antarctic regions are warming faster than previously thought. Researchers announcing the initial results of their studies said it appears drastic global climate change and rising sea levels are now more likely than ever. "Snow and ice are declining in both polar regions, affecting human livelihoods as well as local plant and animal life in the Arctic as well as global atmospheric circulation and sealevel," the IPY report states.

Indian Ocean Cyclone

Cyclone Hina became the season's 16th storm in the region as it developed over the central Indian Ocean. The storm was a threat to only shipping lanes.

Earthquakes

A moderate earthquake in far western China left at least 330 families homeless after the shaking destroyed buildings in the Xinjiang region on Feb. 20. The official Xinhua news agency reports that while there were no injuries or fatalities from the quake, it did cause at least some damage to more than 10,000 houses.

• Earth movements were also felt in northern Sumatra, central Japan and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Magnetic Confusion

Wildlife officials in Florida launched a scheme to determine if crocodiles can be kept from returning to residential neighborhoods by attaching magnets to their heads. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) biologists believe the technique will disrupt the reptiles' "homing" ability after they have been relocated to habitats away from the human population. FWC researchers say their studies have documented that "translocated" crocodiles travel an average of 10 miles per week back to their capture site through a poorly understood navigational ability. It's believed that the fiercely territorial animals rely to some degree on Earth's magnetic field to navigate. The new FWC experiment is designed to disrupt this ability through the use of magnets taped to each side of a captured crocodile's head as it is being transported to its new home. It is hoped that once the magnets are removed just prior to release, the reptile will be so disoriented that it will be unable to find its way back.

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Have Your Say... VOX POP

We asked people, "What are your plans for the March Break? Could the weather affect those plans?"



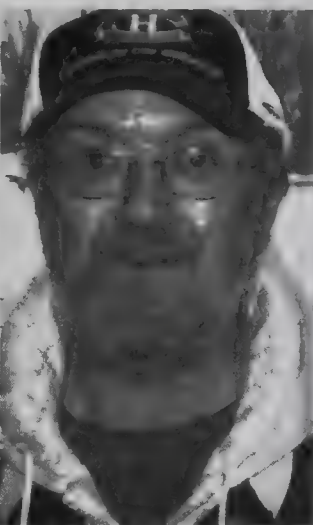
Andrea Robson, Highland Grove - "My boyfriend and I are going to my mom's house in Oakville. I'll probably end up going shopping and go out to see a movie. If the weather turns bad we'll probably look at what other hangouts we can go to. I just recently moved up here so I'll also show my friends around."



Gary Gough, Drag Lake - "I'm just going to start enjoying the spring. I'll be doing some snowmobiling on Drag Lake because the trails and roads aren't good for that right now. As far as the weather goes, I'm an optimist. I'd rather be on a beach but..."



Moe Rogers, Minden - "I have to work. I'm filling in for someone who has other some other plans. Hopefully I'll be able to go out and do some walking and embrace nature on my time off. I'm hoping we get some nice weather though. I'd also like to get some sleep so I can get over this cold I have!"



Steve Clifford, Haliburton Lake - "I'm retired! I plan on doing some ice fishing and I am going to have company over. Other than that I'll just be getting ready for the warmth and the black fly season. As for the weather, you get what you get, you deal with it and you work around it."

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Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Rock climbing can be a fun and easy sport to learn with the help of a few experienced individuals. Not only is it a great way of fitting in some physical activity into your schedule, it's also a way of getting to socialize with others.

Every Wednesday evening at Camp Medeba in Haliburton, the Rock Climbing Club is in full swing. Hosted by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, a club that is open to all ages, at no cost, is aimed at giving families an opportunity to spend quality time together.

"It helps kids with their social skills and gives families an opportunity to do cool things together," said Donna Austin, Point In Time Coordinator, at a recent Wednesday night get together.

In order to ensure that participants learn the proper climbing techniques and that safety comes first, volunteers have been helping to run the program.

"We have wicked volunteer students from Sir Sandford Fleming College," said Austin. "Students come out every year and they've been great role models."

Volunteers go through training with all of the equipment before they are permitted to provide supervision in the club.

Austin says she's been a part of the program for the past four years, but adds that it has been running for about seven years.

The club starts up in January each year and usually runs until the spring season begins. Hours are from 6:30 – 8 p.m. for the younger kids and families and 8 – 9:30 p.m. for the older climbers.

To learn more about the club or to find out how you can join, call Donna at 705 286-2191 or email donnaa@pointintime.ca.



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Highland Storm Rep Teams Bow Out in Semis



Both the Highland Storm Pee wee A and the Novice Rep teams are out of the province-wide hockey play-downs for this year. The Pee wee As will now take on the Bracebridge Bears for the championship of the Muskoka Parry Sound League, and the Novice will go on to a semi-final against Parry Sound.

Both the Pee wees and the Novices can be extremely proud of their very successful seasons. The Pee wees lost out to a talented and hard-working team from Tavistock in the all-Ontario semi-finals three games to one, but each game was close, and the margin of difference just one goal in three of the games. Until this series, over the entire season, the Pee wee As lost just four games. And, as one of the parents of the Tavistock team commented after the final game, "the Storm is the best team we've played all year, and without doubt the classiest as well. You have a great bunch of kids and coaches."

The Novice team played in the all-Ontario semi-finals against the Campbellford Colts, and after dropping the first two games proved their mettle by roaring back to tie the series with two exciting victories. But in the final, the Colts won out, and will go to the finals. ■



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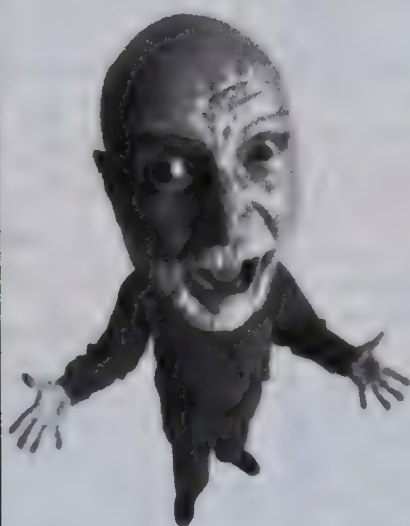
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Hal High Boarders Shred Some Gates at Collingwood

Girls Win Bronze in the OFSAA Provincial Meet

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor



The Hal High snowboarding team does not get to practice as a team all that often. It's the nature of the sport.

Snowboard racing demands a course set up on a mountain, with gates, timing and the attendant costs.

So most of the racers at Hal High get most of their training diligently riding the 300-foot vertical at Sir Sam's Ski Area on weekends and holidays.

They challenge themselves, they ride tirelessly, and they shred. Mostly they train alone. And they do it their way.

This is boarding after all.

A sport still met by the hard line and taut faces of old school skiers who still don't quite know what to make of them.

The old joke that emanated out of Aspen goes something like: "Hey, how does a snowboarder introduce himself to you on the mountain?" Answer? "Thump ... Uh ... wow, sorry dude."

A lot of that chauvinism is gone today, replaced by reluctant acceptance. Snowboard racing is still fairly new to the scene though.

And it's newer still to Haliburton High School Red Hawks shredders who still train alone and to their own drummer.

Most racers at the high school level cannot invest in the hard tail, hard boot racing boards and bindings. So they race freestyle. Just like they ride. Simple, but not easy.

They may take some runs through the gates at the Sir Sam's Challenge course on an occasional Sunday in January or February. But other than that they're on their own. Some like to shake it up on the rails, and others like to spend their weekends shredding around trees in search of fresh snow through the Sir Sam's rock-plated forest trails.

In short, snowboard racers at Hal High don't get much of an opportunity to actually practice serious runs through a competitive race course in the course of their short season.

The dedicated core of Red Hawk racers consistently buck the odds. And they've done it for the past five years or so, ever since a few boarders went to the school hierarchy and intrepidly asked if they could form a boarding team.

Call them the innovators. They went with an appeal to the school, presented a viable case and they got their team.

In sports as in life it's one of those be careful what you wish for moments.

There were growing pains and there were expenses. They had to recruit reluctant coaches from faculty. They scraped and they scrimped and they saved.

But slowly the interest grew and they managed over the last three years to become a respected force in the Ontario high school racing community.

And this year's team is no exception. Coached by first year teacher Caley Sisson and Phil DuLong, this year's Red Hawk shredders have once again bucked the odds. Both boys and girls teams breezed through initial competitions at both the Kawartha and COSSA finals.

Last week they took their act on the road to a tough course at Georgian peaks near Collingwood, Ontario for the OFSAA provincial finals.

"Conditions were fantastic, we had a beautiful sunny day with seasonal temperatures," said Sisson after last Wednesday's event.

The Red Hawk girls' team made up of Alex Meunzel, Christianna Walker, Arianh Boots, Tiff van Lieshout and Holly Wu finished third in the province. And that Bronze Medal was just a fantastic accomplishment according to Sisson. Meunzel placed 9th and Walker was 12th individually in Ontario.

On the boys side Maddie Rallis won a Bronze Medal in the individual boys racing. Third in a province packed with some very solid racing talent.

There were 46 schools in attendance at the OFSAA sanctioned event and approximately 320 racers slid through the gates at the always tough and demanding Georgian Peaks track.

Sisson was extremely proud of her charges.

"The students have all worked hard on achieving personal bests throughout the year and have steadily improved their times," said Sisson. "We have had an excellent season and all participants have made Hal High proud. Congratulations team on a job well done."

And now of course all of the shredders can take the bibs off and get down to some serious bushwelding and rail-riding next week at Sir Sam's during spring break.

Oh, and about that old Aspen reference? Uh ... sorry dudes. ■



Top Left: Boys Snowboard team consisted of: Madison (Maddie) Rallis Bronze; Brett Hicks 27th; Jeff Fennell 65th; Alex vassos 68th; and Mark Perecko 75th. Coach was Phil DuLong.

Top Right: Red Hawk Girls Snowboard Bronze Medal winners: (l-r) Holly Wu, Tiff van Lieshout, Coach Caley Sisson, Arianh Boots, Alex Meunzel (missing is Christianna Walker)

Left: Bronze medal Winner in Boys Snowboarding: Maddie Rallis.

Bottom: Arianh Boots, Tiff van Lieshout, Alex Meunzel and Holly Wu.





Dear Abby
by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am so lonely. My husband refuses to communicate with me or do anything with me. The only outlet I have is work and school. I would like to end this misery, but I don't know where to begin. We have been married for 17 years. I have never been unfaithful to him, although I have thought about it – not for the physical aspect, but for the communication. – DESPERATE FOR SOMEONE TO TALK TO

DEAR DESPERATE: Has your marriage always been this way? When did this “great silence” begin? Most important, why have you tolerated an emotional “starvation diet” for so long?

If you think your marriage is worth saving, offer your husband the chance to repair it through marriage counseling – but be prepared for it to take some time, because old habits are hard to break. If not, then accept the fact that you have suffered enough, and formalize the reality that you haven't really been married in a very long time.

DEAR ABBY: I am shy. I am by no means painfully shy, but I tend to be more of an observer when I first meet people. Once I'm comfortable I can open up and be myself. Sometimes it's only minutes, but other times I need to meet someone more than once. Many of my friends have told me their first impression of me was that I was extremely snotty. This is wrong. I'm a very kind person.

I have accepted this personality trait, but it may be interfering with my finding a job. I was recently laid off, and I'm applying for and interviewing for a new one. However, after numerous interviews I have not been invited back for a second one.

I work in public relations, where personality can be a key in hiring. I believe my shyness is hindering me from “wowing” potential employers. How can I overcome it and give a better first interview? – WANTS TO BE HIRED IN WISCONSIN

DEAR WANTS TO BE HIRED: Public relations is a form of sales, and in sales first impressions are essential. An interview is not a social situation, where you can look someone over and decide whether or not to open up. This is business, and if you're going to get hired you are going to have to sell yourself. So start working on your sales pitch. Tell potential employers what makes you the right person for the job.

Your friends and family can help you by role-playing practice interviews. Ask them to honestly critique you. If you have been working with a placement agency, discuss this with the person who has been sending you on these interviews. His or her input could also be helpful.

If this doesn't make your job search more successful, then perhaps it's time to extend your search into other fields besides public relations.

For week of Mar. 16/09

Horoscopes
It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You're known for your charm and your wisdom, and there's no one who wouldn't want you to be part of his or her life.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your efforts in behalf of a colleague do not go unnoticed, let alone unappreciated. Meanwhile, arrange to spend more time investigating that troubling fact you recently uncovered.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Devoting a lot of time to a current career move means having less time for those in your private life. But once you explain the circumstances, they should understand and be supportive.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Organizing your many duties in order of importance should help you get through them pretty quickly. Additional information puts that still-to-be-made decision in a new light.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Lingered bad feelings over a recent misunderstanding should fade as reconciliation efforts continue. Meanwhile, vacation plans might need to be revised because of new developments.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Love dominates the Lion's heart this week, with Cupid shooting arrows at single Leos and Leonas looking for romance. Partnered pairs also enjoy strengthened relationships.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) “Getting To Know You” should be the single Virgo's theme song as you and that special person discover more about one another. That workplace situation needs looking into.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might be upset at having your objectivity questioned in the handling of a dispute. But it would be wise to re-examine your feelings to make sure you're being fair with both sides.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A family dispute creates mixed feelings about how you hope it will be ultimately resolved. Best advice: Stay out of it and let the involved parties work it through by themselves.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Making an effort to smooth over even the smallest obstacles now will go a long way to assuring that things run smoothly once you're set to move on with your plans.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A challenge to your authority can be upsetting, but your longtime supporters want you to defend your position so you can win over even your most adamant detractors.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Being unable to get involved in a friend's problem calls for an honest approach. Provide explanations, not excuses. Another friend might be able to offer support for your decision.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You find yourself swimming in circles, looking for some way to get back on a straight course. But things get easier once you're able to refocus your energies.

Dala Rocks the Hair Lounge

Star Artists Open Up Popular Concert Series



Sheila Carabine

It'll be hard for artists to top the first show that opened up the Hair Lounge concert series in Carnarvon last Saturday.

Canadian Maple Music recording artists Dala kicked things off in a big way, performing for a full house at the annual concert series. The “girls”, Amanda Walther and Sheila Carabine, wooed the crowd in attendance with their harmonious vocal capabilities and flawless guitar strumming skills.

The duo sang songs from their first album Who Do You Think You Are and also gave listeners a preview of their new album set to be released in the near future.

This wasn't the first time that the two artists - who have received airplay on mainstream radio and Much More Music - have been to the Highlands. Last summer they were the headlining act for Riverfest 2008, a three-day event that was held at the Minden Wild Water Preserve and included music and camping.

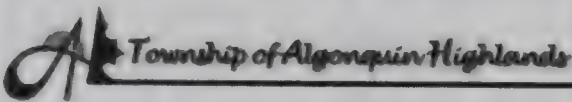
Mark Christiano, organizer of Saturday's show, said he's planning on running the concert series into the summer due to its popularity. Future acts he's planning on acquiring also played at Riverfest.

The Hair Lounge is located on Hwy 118 (just east of Hwy 35). ■

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



Amanda Walther



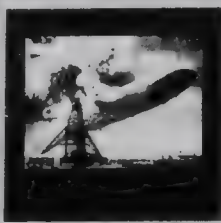
NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT
R.S.C. 1985, CHAPTER N-22

The Township of Algonquin Highlands hereby gives notice that an application has been made to the Minister of Transport pursuant to the Navigable Waters Protection Act for approval of the work described herein and its site and plans. Pursuant to section 9 of the said Act, The Township of Algonquin Highlands has deposited with the Minister of Transport, and in the Ontario Land Registry Office #19 - Haliburton, at Minden, Ontario under the deposit number 279825, a description of the following work, its site and plans: Buckslide Dam Bridge Replacement, located on Buckslide Road, approximately 2.0km south of Boshkung Lake Road, over the Boshkung River, near the village of Carnarvon.

Comments regarding the effects of this work on marine navigation may be directed to: The Superintendent, Navigable Waters Protection Program, Transport Canada, 100 Front Street South, Sarnia, ON N7T 2M4. However, comments will be considered only if they are in writing and are received not later than 30 days after the date of this notice. Although all comments conforming to the above will be considered, no individual response will be sent.

Dated this 14th day of March, 2009
The Township of Algonquin Highlands

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On March 16, 1802, the United States Military Academy — the first military school in the United States — is founded by Congress for the purpose of educating and training young men in the theory and practice of military science. Located at West Point, N.Y., the U.S. Military Academy is often known simply as West Point.

On March 17, 1931, radio star Kate Smith debuts her first program. The show launched performers like Abbott and Costello and introduced songs like Irving Berlin's "God Bless America," which she sang on Armistice Day in 1938.

On March 18, 1925, the worst tornado in U.S. history passes through eastern Missouri, southern Illinois and southern Indiana, killing 695 people, injuring some 13,000 people and causing \$17 million in property damage. Known as the "Tri-State Tornado," the deadly twister spent more than three hours on the ground and traveled at speeds in excess of 70 mph — unsurpassed in U.S. history.

On March 19, 1971, the Italian American Civil Rights League announces a truce with the producers of "The Godfather." Upset at the portrayal of Italian Americans as gangsters, the League persuaded the producers not to use the words "Mafia" or "Cosa Nostra."

On March 20, 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's anti-slavery novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," is published. It sells 300,000 copies within three months. While living in Cincinnati, Stowe encountered fugitive slaves and the Underground Railroad. Later, she wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in reaction to recently tightened fugitive slave laws.

Super Crossword

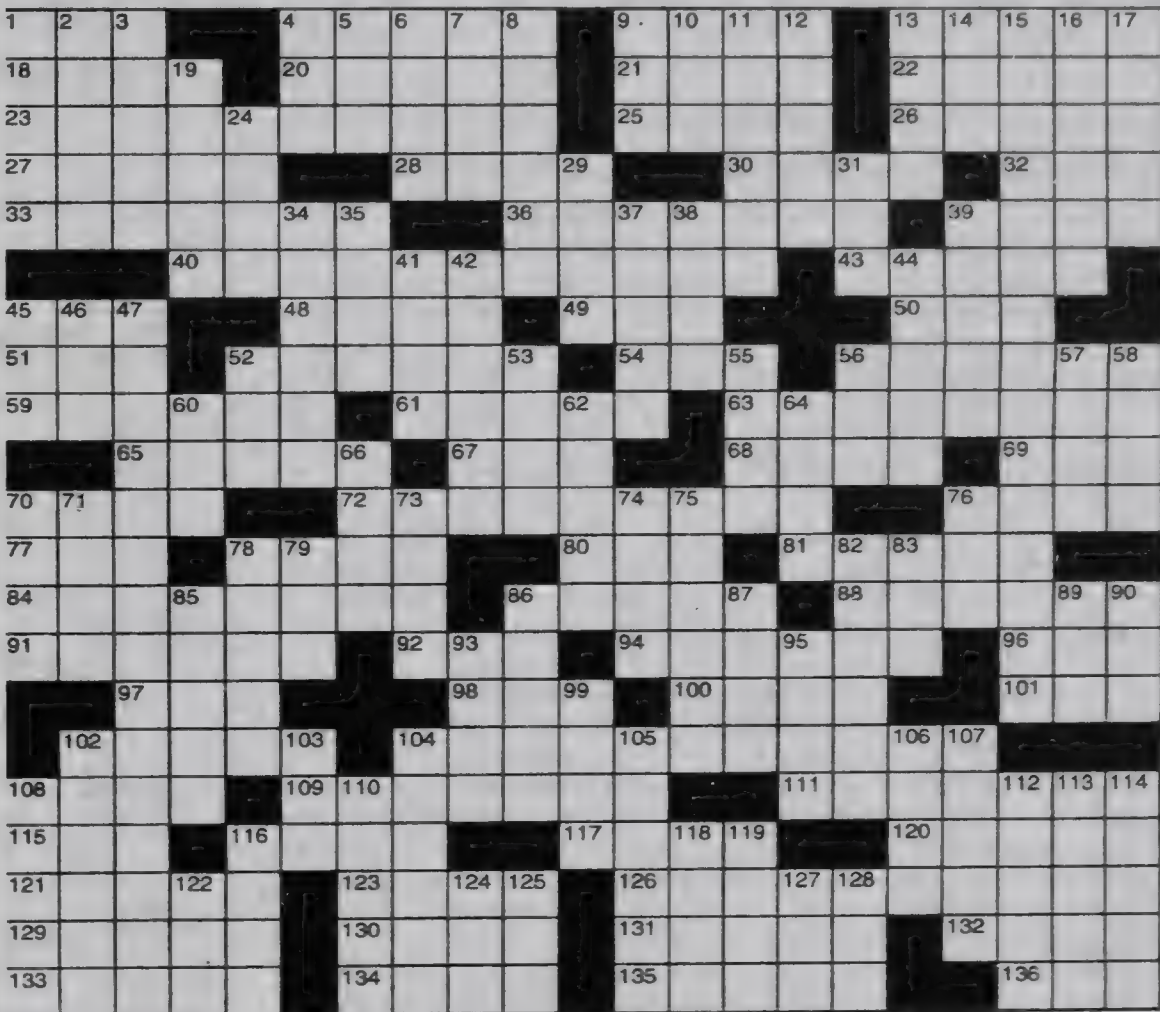
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13 TV's "The — of Life"
18 Baal or Elvis
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21 Soccer superstar
22 Cold sound
23 Dancing president?
25 Landed
26 Range rope
27 — a customer
28 Whip
30 Tranquil
32 — 4 (Toyota model)
33 Little lumps
36 Fawning
39 Parisian pronoun
40 Dancing colonist?
43 Go Fish and golf
45 Comic DeLuise
48 Muse with a scroll
49 Command to a corgi
50 Meyerbeer's —
51 Prospector's prize
52 "The Twelve —" ('70 film)
54 At once
56 Freezin' season
59 Finger food
61 Trickles
63 Short story
65 Cognizant
67 In the manner of
68 Bare
69 Start to snooze
70 Viva —
72 Dancing comic?
76 "— of Gold" ('70 hit)
77 Gray matter?
78 Northwestern st.
80 Philips of "UHF"
81 Tonto's horse
84 More disreputable
86 Director Lang
88 Flusters
91 Percussion instrument
92 Feel awful
94 Bean
96 Make cheddar better
97 Prohibit
98 Wine vessel
100 Yuletide
101 Piglet's parent
102 Hunt or Hayes
104 Dancing boxer?
108 Kid at court
109 Hailing from Hunan
111 Mention briefly
115 Aussie walker
116 Space
117 Assistance
120 Spanish guitarist
121 "Crazy" singer
123 Widespread
126 Dancing cartoonist?
129 Neighbor of Somalia
130 Singer Phoebe
131 Entertain
132 Sour fruit
133 Novelist Danielle
134 Bronte heroine
135 Aden's locale
136 Minnesota twins?

DOWN

- 1 Mustard type
2 Hersey setting
3 Like the Taj Mahal
4 Use a straw
5 Word form for "environ-ment"
6 It may be bitter
7 "— Dinka Doo" ('33 song)
8 '92 Wimbledon winner
9 Health resort
10 — Aviv
11 Draw forth
12 Copper or cobalt
13 "Green Acres" setting
14 "Stroker —" ('83 film)
15 Dancing body-builder?
16 Wrecks the Rolls
17 Italian wine
19 Abate
24 Seafood selection
29 Coop crowd
31 Pantyhose part
34 Rembrandt or Whistler
35 Ward of "Sisters"
37 Wreckage
38 Reject
39 Touch up the text
41 Journalist Jacob
42 Jeanne of "Jules and Jim"
44 Mrs. Kramden
45 Bandleader Severinsen
46 "... man — mouse?"
47 Dancing statesman?
52 Numbers pro
53 Push a product
55 Trick stick
56 Tie the knot
57 Thames town
58 Funnyman Foxx
60 Veneration
62 Less vivid
64 Van —, CA
66 Piece of fencing?
70 Enormous
71 European capital
73 Akbar's city
74 "— the Mood for Love" ('35 song)
75 "— bell!"
76 Sprout
78 It's up in the air
79 Volcano part
82 Peruvian port
83 Keats composition
85 Dickens title start
86 Peel off
87 Move like mad
89 Self-esteem
90 Make a muumuu
93 Psychologist Pavlov
95 Obligation
99 TV host John
102 Village
103 Sgt. or cpl.
104 Disney cricket
105 Margin
106 Mallard or teal
107 Suffers
108 Acts like a chicken
110 Neighsayer?
112 Actress Berry
113 Synthetic textile
114 "The Highway-man" poet
116 Genuine
118 Fancy fabric
119 Horner's fruit
122 Carrie or Louis
124 On behalf of
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127 Poetic monogram
128 — Buddhism



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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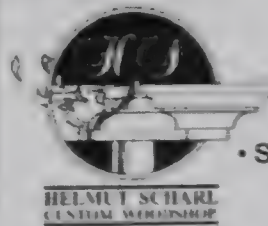
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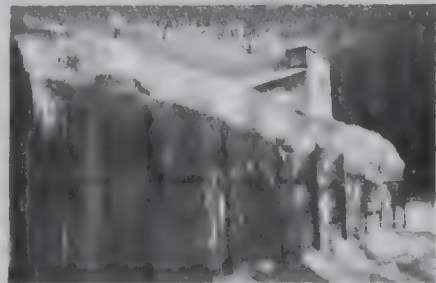
Nathan Petrini

705-457-2754

Does Your Home Feel Too Cold? Are Your Heating Costs Too High? There Could Be a Simple Solution that the Government May Help You Pay For

If you find the cost of heating your home in the winter too high, notice ice build up on your roof and if your home feels too cold for what you're paying in heating costs, the answer may be very simple. In fact, it could take only a couple hours to fix the problem, without any mess or inconvenience, and the government may even help you pay for it. But perhaps the best news is, once the problem is fixed, you will start seeing a minimum of 20% to 70% in energy saving dollars back in your pocket.

Local contractor Paul Daigle knows all too well that most homes in Haliburton County that are over 10 years old (and some newer homes) likely have an insulation problem in their attics. "Most homes over 10 years or older in Haliburton County probably has an insulating value of R32, which was the code back then, but now it has to be R40. This makes a huge difference in energy savings. Far too many people are wasting a lot of money on heating," says Paul.



"What we need to do is get the older (possibly wet) insulation out of there and simply replace it with insulation with a higher insulating value. We favour the "blown in fiberglass" insulation which is a little more money but well worth it. Either way, once we're done, we guarantee the attic is now done properly and won't need to be done again ever. The energy savings more than pay for the work and it is also an excellent time to see what else is happening up there, and if the home owner needs any wiring done, electrical installs such as smoke detectors, or whatever, that's the perfect time to get it done."

Your Entire Roof Could Be In Danger

"Sometimes people have ice buildup on the roof and think it's the fault of the shingles or roofer. It isn't but it will be a problem to the whole roof if the insulation job isn't fixed, which is going to cost lot more money. Ice build up is not good," Paul adds. "The problem lies with the insulating value in the attic, and we can fix that easily enough, which in turn will save the homeowner a pile of money not only in heating costs, but will prolong the life of the roof. If too much heat loss is occurring, condensation and moisture gets into the roof wood, and then you can have a more serious problem. It's not something you see, until you get up and take a look. I can go up and take a look around for the homeowner (at no cost) and see just what is going on up there."

Insulsave Insulation Services offers free quotes on all work and a full guarantee also. "We're a certified Owens Corning installer and we put full guarantees on all our work. We're local so we're there when you need us and we purchase all our materials (when possible) locally, so by hiring us, you help support local business. That means a lot to us," says Paul.

Paul also notes that there are government grants available to make certain energy saving upgrades to your home and can point you in the right direction. We're talking between \$80-\$150 in monthly savings in heating costs, or upwards of \$1200 or more per winter season. The work really does pay for itself quickly and you can sleep knowing your investment is looked after and your roof isn't in danger either," says Paul. "We'll come and take a look for no charge or obligation to the customer. There is no mess and we're generally in and out in less than a day on a typical home. We of course also provide total insulating services for new home construction as well, so if you're building or you're a contractor, give me a call.

If you're concerned about your heating costs, ice build up, or have a new home that needs insulation, give Paul Daigle at Insulsave Insulation a call at 705-754-3550.

What our customers say...

My name is Glenn Evans and I am the owner/operator of Cedar Winds Country Homes. We are a Residential Architectural Design and Project Management Company that has been serving the Highlands and Muskoka areas for the past 10 years. I have been using Insulsave Insulation Services exclusively for BIB and Batt installations since 2007. I recommend both the workmanship and materials used by Insulsave, as they are prescribed by the Ontario Building Code. It has been a pleasure having Insulsave involved on every project.

Glenn Evans

I had the opportunity to use Paul's company to insulate a house i was building in Gravenhurst, and was very pleased with the result. His pricing was competitive and fair. The job was started on time and was finished on time as well. The clean-up was done immediately upon finishing and our agreed on price never changed. The work was excellent and I have since used Paul on another job with the same results. I would not hesitate to recommend or hire Insulsave Insulation Services in the future.

Mark Tingey, Markbilt Construction

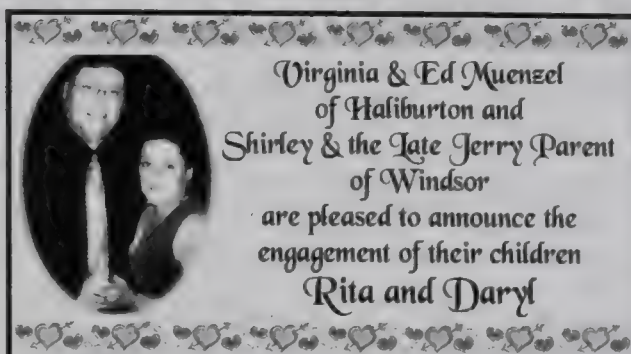
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Saturday, March 21, 2009
Open House starts at 10:00 a.m.

Kids will decorate eggs,
cupcakes, face painting.
Gift for your child to bring home.
Meet the Easter Bunny
So make sure you bring your camera.

Admission is \$10.00/child and includes all the above.
Proceeds will be donated to Minden and Haliburton Hospital.

Easter gift baskets for sale.

Raffle for large chocolate Easter bunny
(not included in admission price)

For Tickets call Karen at
(705) 754-4257 - Northlander Gift Baskets
or Angie at (705) 754-2204
RSVP by March 18, 2009



Township of Algonquin Highlands

Stanhope Soccer League Registration

Tuesday, March 17, 2009 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
and

Saturday, March 28, 2009 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Boys and Girls

Ages 5 to 14 as of June 16, 2009

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Or Sandy at 754-4728

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March 28th, 2009
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Help Wanted



have the following
Summer Positions available

Day Camp Coordinator (College or University)
Male and Female Summer Adventure Day Camp Counselors

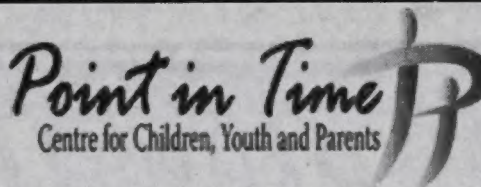
Qualified individuals will provide a stimulating and fun experience for children within Haliburton County. Complete job descriptions are available on line at www.pointintime.ca or by calling (705) 457-5345.

Day Camp Coordinator Position Employment Period:
June 1st-August 28th, 2009
(13 weeks)

Rate of Pay: up to \$12.50/hour plus travel allowance.

Counselors Employment Period:
June 30-August 25th, 2009 (8 weeks)
Rate of Pay: up to \$10.00/hour.

Send all resumes and covering letters to:
Hiring Committee,
Point in Time, P.O. Box 1306, Haliburton, ON. K0M 1S0;
or fax to 705-457-3492; or e-mail to info@pointintime.ca
Closing date: Wednesday, March 18, 2009



have the following
Summer Positions available

Autism (ASD) Consultants
Summer Camp Respite Workers
Small Group Respite Workers

Qualified individuals will provide a stimulating and fun experience for children (ages 3-18) with special needs in community and camp settings in Haliburton County. Complete job descriptions are available on line at www.pointintime.ca or by calling (705) 457-5345.

Requirements: EA/PSW/ECE Diploma or college/university students with experience working with youths with developmental and behaviour challenges.
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Employment period: June 29 - Aug. 28, 2009.
Work hours are flexible 15-45/week.
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Crossword Answer

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Fun at Weekend-Long Folk Camp

Mark Arike
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New Initiative Engages Polished Musicians with Novice Players

Camp Wanakita in Haliburton was transformed into a folk music lover's haven for three days (Friday, March 6 – Sunday, March 8) during the inaugural Winter Folk Camp hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS).

Fifty-four people, including locals and out-of-towners, participated in the camp that was designed to provide them with a one of a kind folk music experience and help get them over the winter blahs.

"Everyone who I talked to about this event was impressed with the concept," said Sean Pennylegion, member of the HCFS and coordinator of the folk camp. "We're (the HCFS) really proud to be able to put this on...we're hoping that this will be the first of many."

Highly respected musicians who led workshops and put on concerts on Friday and Saturday night included: percussionist Quammie Williams, singer/songwriter Katherine Wheatley, violin/fiddle player Anne Lindsay, guitar player Eve Goldberg and vocalist Isabel Bernaus. Local performers at the evening shows also included Bucket of Shrimp Ears, Ryan Dawson and Cass Marie & the Blackfeather Band.

In addition to working on their musical skills and interacting with like-minded people, participants were able to utilize the facilities at the camp. Snacks and meals were also included in the cost of their package price.

Last Spring, the HCFS was successful in their application for a grant from the Trillium Foundation. The \$8,000 grant was used for coordination and promotion of the event. As well, many local organizations and individuals also sponsored the camp, and staff at Wanakita and other volunteers provided hands-on support.

The mandate of the HCFS is to foster an appreciation of and participation in folk music in Haliburton County. ■



During Friday and Saturday night, concert performances included local acts and Folk Camp featured artists. Others pictured include participants in Saturday's workshops that featured vocal coaching, drumming lessons, violin playing instruction and song writing.



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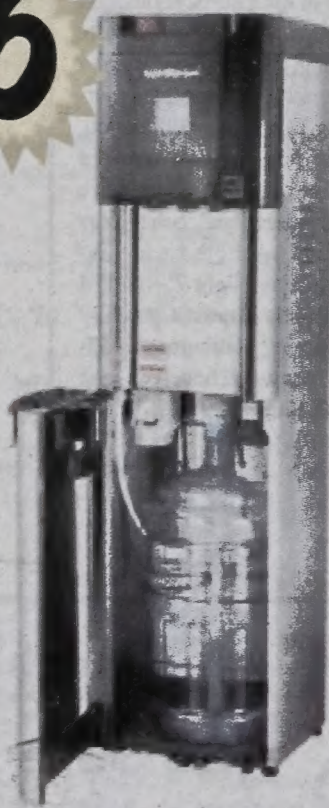
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Wee Care Kids Mural Now on Display at Fleming College Campus

Mar. 12/09 Staff Reporter



Fleming College is full of works of art produced by students who attend the Haliburton campus. Recently, a piece created by a much younger group of exceptional little artists was installed in the school.

They might not be professionals, but children who attend Wee Care in Haliburton sure know how to express their creative sides. What is the nonprofit agency? "That is more than just a daycare," children ages 18 months to two-and-a-half years old and their kind and imaginative caregivers create a vibrant mural. A Wee Care poster accompanies the piece of art work that hangs on the wall at Fleming College campus.

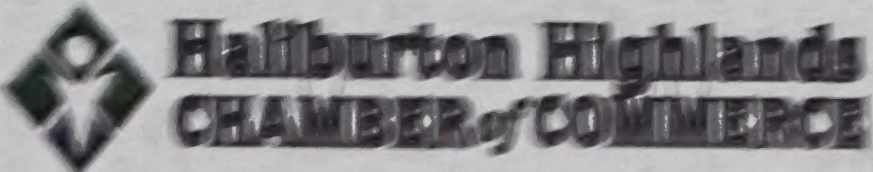
"The children are out there and with them during this process that they can take the spirit of the community," explained Wee Care's lead Paul Thompson.

Child Development Wee Care in Haliburton changed its curriculum to focus more on a child's development than on an instructional approach to things.

"The emerging curriculum puts an emphasis on what the interests are with them as they are growing," Thompson said. Thompson, who added that in addition to being a daycare center, Wee Care is a place that fosters children's development and growth.

Along with the new curriculum, the care providers receive and document various children's participation in which are posted on the walls inside the building.

Paul Thompson, Haliburton's Fleming College campus to see the work of art produced by these young blossoming artists.



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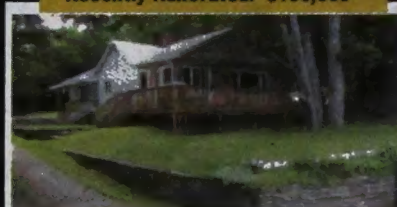
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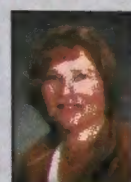
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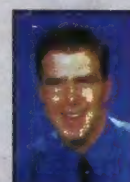
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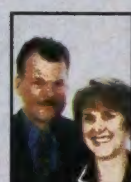
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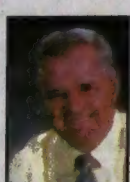
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